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# tens of thousands will be laid off

Tens of thousands of BL workers will be laid off in the coming weeks because of poor sales in the past two months, the company's managing director MrRay Horrocks told unions last night. He said the company thought that the ballot on pay would produce an indecisive result today but in any case BL could not increase the offer.

# Slump in car sales blamed for crisis

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial Correspondent

Mr Ray Horrocks, managing director of BL Cars, last night told the unions that tens of thousands of workers will be laid off during the coming weeks because of the company's poor sales in the past two

In a letter to Mr Grenville Hawley, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and the leader of the union side on the BL Cars Joint Negotiating Commit-tee, Mr Horrocks said the trading situation of the company had worsened in the past two months, culminating in the fall of its market share to an all-time low of 15 per cent in January.

### Stocks more than adequate

The Buy British campaign was having an encouraging effect; but stocks were more than adequate, and the company could not afford to continue building merely for stock. As a result, lay-offs were the only way of adjusting the posi-

He also pointed out that the company had taken soundings t plant level and thought that the pay ballot result which would be announced today was likely to be indecisive. How-ever, if the unions got a 70 per cent vote in favour of rejection of the company's 5 per cent pay offer BL would consider that they had a mandate for strike action.

But, he said again that whatever the result of the ballot BL did not have the resources to increase the offer.

increase the offer.

The plants most likely to be
affected by the lay-offs are
expected to be Cowley. Rover
Solihull, Triumph Coventry and Longbridge, in addition to the major body building works at Swindon and Castle Bromwich. The company last night refused to confirm reports that up to 40,000 lay-offs were being contemplated, but reliable sources suggest that at least 25,000 men will be laid off for

varying periods. In the affair of Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed Com-

munist union convener, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is preparing a leaflet for circulation to its 8,000 members at BL's Long-bridge car plant to county bridge car plant to counter "management propaganda" uraing them not to strike for his reinstatement.

Officials and shop stewards have been angered by the inten-sity of the management's reaction to their national executive's recommendation for a strike at Longbridge.

This includes a letter to workers, from Mr Horrocks, wall posters in the factory emphasizing the inquiry board's conduct as convener the circular duct as convener, the circula-tion of press cuttings favourable to the management and, it is claimed, the "orchestration" of letters, telegrams and telephone calls sent to the union by workers opposed to a strike.

BL deny that it has played any part in the anti-strike re-sponse. A company spokesman said yesterday: "We were only reacting to the flood of approaches from workers at Longbridge who do not want to

The union leaflet will not be circulated until two important events have taken place this week. Today at Transport House, London, the result of the union-organized ballot on the company's 5 per cent pay offer will be announced by the Electoral Reform Society.

Tomorrow evening the union's Birmingham West district committee will vote on the executive's strike recommendation. The committee has the final

# **BL** executives

There is growing pessimism among BL executives that the ballot will go against them. The unions insist that that will not lead to inevitable strike action but will strengthen the hand of their negotiators who are due to meet the management for a further round of negotiations on Friday.

A strike by 70 gearbox assem-blers at BL Cardiff has stopped production of Rover saloons at Solihull and TR7 sports cars at

# BL unions told British accused of collusion with South Africans in election plot to deny power to Zanu (PF) The climate will be as Mr Mugabe threatens to restart guerrilla war in Rhodesia

The British interim adminis-tration in Southern Rhodesia and the Zanu (PF) party of Mr Robert Mugabe appeared to-night to be on a collision course which could wreck the elections due at the end of this month.

There were strong hints from British sources of further appli-British sources of further applications soon of the special powers against intimidation assumed last week by the Governor, Lord Soames. They were first used yesterday against Mr Enos Nkala, the Zanu (PF) treasurer, who was barred from all further campaigning for using inflammatory rhetoric, although he remains a candidate.

Mr Mugabe, unscathed by yesterday's bomb attempt on his life at Fort Victoria, said this evening that, if Lord Soames used his powers to ban Zanu (PE) used his powers to ban Zanu (PF) from participating in the election in any one-area, "for us that is the end".

Sir Keith

pelted by

Sir Keith Joseph, Sccretary

of State for Industry, was at the centre of three ugly inci-dents in South Wales vesterday

when hostile steelworkers physically prevented him from

At Ebbw Vale, Sir Keith abandoned his efforts to visit a factory when 400 angry pickets barred his way. As Sir Keith and his advisers backed

away before an increasingly militant crowd, police struggled to prevent them from reaching

During the scuffle the rear

lights on Sir Keith's car were smashed and a policeman was injured after being pushed towards an oncoming vehicle.

At Briton Ferry, near Swan-tea, earlier in the day Sir

Keith had been forced to retreat

under a hail of rotten tomatoes

and eggs after failing to engage

abusive pickets in a discussion

About 80 pickets formed a barrier across the road as the

official cars approached a site earmarked for industrial de-

velopment near the huge and

idle Port Talbot steel works.

Seconds after leaving his car and walking towards the pickets Sir Keith was jostled and bad to protect his face as

and had to protect his face as the missiles arced through the air, splattering around his feet and hitting the official car. One tomato hit Sir Keith on

The official party then re-treated 200 yards down the road as police strained to keep the pickets from breaking

through their ranks. The pickets kept up continuous

There were more ugly scenes at Cwmbran, where 150 demon-strators tried furiously but un-

successfully to prevent Sir Keith entering Gwent County

Council offices to discuss the steel cutbacks with local

Police battled with pickets as they fought to clear a path

to enable Sir Keith to walk the

cutbacks with local

verbal abuse

on the steel closures.

Joseph

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From Tim Jones

irinerary.

his car.

Lord Soames has arranged to see Mr Mugabe tomorrow. A British source said the Governor would express his personal concern over the latest assassination attempt and would then raise the contents of the Fort Victoria speech which preceded it. The main burden of the Speech was a threat to with. the speech was a threat to with-draw Mr Mugabe's guerrillas from the assembly areas if his party was prevented from tak-ing part in the elections.

Lord Soames, it is understood, vill not decide tomorrow to ban Zanu (PF), but he may well feel the time has come to deliver the strongest warning yet to Mr Mugabe about intimidation of

Mr Mugabe accused the British of working in collusion with the South Africans and the white Rhodesians in an artempt to destroy his party and its chances of winning the election. He accused the Rhodesian Security Forces of being behind yesterday's assassination attempt.

at all levels, arrests of middle-ranking leaders (he claimed six such detentions in the past three days), and "obstructionist tactics" by the Governor like the ban on Mr Nkala.

Mr Mugabe, speaking calmly but emphatically, also threat-ened to restart the guerrilla war if the Security Forces were not restrained. Such a move would not depend on renewed avail-phility of base in polehhouring ubility of hases in neighbouring countries, such as Mozambique. He also renewed his demand that the Security Force auxiliaries—who tend to support Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the outgoing Prime Minister and leader of the United African National Council, be confined to harracks because they were

But Zanu (PF) would carry on for the time being with its present business of fighting the election campaign. He claimed that, despite the official anintimidating voters.

nouncement of their with-drawal. South African troops were still stationed near the Beir Bridge border crossing between Rhodesia and South Africa.

Meanwhile, the violence con-tinues. It was disclosed today that a Zanu (PF) branch chair-man and his wife were killed and another woman seriously injured when a grenade was thrown into their home in the South-east of the country.

Over the past three days, four grenades were thrown into a beerhall in Gwelo, injuring 38 people, nine of them seriously and there have been many reports of intimidation, ranging

from threats to beatings, abduc-

tions and murder. Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Patriotic Front, remains the calmest of the leading con-tenders for office. Today he attacked the weekend arrest of Mr Garfield Todd, the former Prime Minister, saying that it "shows the stupidity of the people who did it".

The Security Forces were trying to rake up old scores, while
the PF was trying to persuade
people towards reconciliation.
Bishop Muzorewa said tonight
that his supporters were being
heavily intimidated, and he
accused the British of bias in
favour of Zanu (PF) and the

Dutch complaints: Mr Joep de Boer, foreign affairs specialist of the ruling Christian Democrats in Holland, said in Amsterdam that the British in Rhodesia appeared to be lending legisimes at the second ing legitimacy to the actions of Bishop Muzorewa's auxiliary forces in their supervision of campaigning.
Mr de Boer, who arrived back from Rhodesia on Saturday,

said: "I am not accusing the British Govenor, Lord Soames, or the British Government of partiality, but the practical effect of their policies is partial to Bishop Muzorewa at the expense of the Patriotic Front parties." Leading article, page 13

### will be as before -official By John Groser

Fluctuations in political and economic barometers notwith-standing, there will not be any changes in the climate in the next few decades. That is official.

official.

It is, in fact, the considered verdict of an interdepartmental group of senior civil servants under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Berrill, head of the Central Policy Review Staff ("think tank").

The report, published yesterday by the Cabinet Office, explains that the Interdepartmental Group on Climatology

mental Group on Climatology was set up because the Government was aware of the possi-bility of large climatic change and "wished to be informed and "wished to be informed about the consequences for this country". The report appears to say, governments do care about the things that matter. The premise of the report is that "climate" and "weather"

should be distinguished. Weather is the state of the aumosphere at a given time. Climate is a description of the climate is a description of the weather (often expressed in statistical terms) over "a period long enough for short-lived extreme conditions not to influence the general picture unduly".

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cerned that the speculations of some climatologists that the weather might get colder within the next three decades had re-

"The extremes of weather ... over the last two decades have belped give them credibility with the public", the report

Says.

The scientists consulted by the group, however, "see no reason to conclude from the historical record that especially large changes are likely". The Government has accepted the report's conclusions.
So that the public can be sure

that taxes are well spent (over £17m each year is used in direct funding and support of climatic research) the report says that research in the United King-dom is directed to studying past climates, developing models of he climate and examining the implications of change.

In addition, other research
programmes look at the impact

of the weather on cconomic systoms.

A programme of climatic research costing about £5m over fire years has recently been proposed by the European Economic Community and awaits approval by the Council of Ministers in Brussels. Confidently, the report

cludes that our own and inter-national research plans are sufficient to the need for better understanding of the climate". No explanation is given, how ever, of the hot summers of 1976 and 1977 or the miserably Could winter I Obviously history is in the studies of past climates supported by the National

Council (NERC). Climatic Change—its potential effects on the United Kingdom and the implications for research (Stabonery Office, £1.75).

### Water and sewerage workers call for strike in two weeks widespread distress to every household in the land." Asked abour unofficial action. Mr Newall said: "If something Leaders of 22,000 water work-ers called yesterday for a

national strike in the water and sewerage industry to start in a 19 per cent pay offer.
The rejection surprised union negotiators, who had recommended acceptance.

A special delegate conference in London of the General and Municipal Workers Union (GMWU) voted almost unanimously for an all-our strike

from February 25.
The delegates asked the union's executive council to make the strike official, but the workers' mood yesterday indicated that there might be

unofficial action. Senior GMWU officials last night decided to call a special meeting of the executive, but were angry at the employers' suggestions that the union should hold a hallor of the membership before sanctioning

Mr Edmund Newall, the union's national officer, said after the conference: "I was surprised that the delegates rejected the offer with such

menimity."
The three other unions in the industry, representing about 10,000 workers have also recommended the offer for accobbeing put to their members. The National Water Council,

the employers' organization, said last night: "The offer is a good one by any standards. It is much to be hoped that the

does not happen between not and February 25 in terms of getting an improved offer, there is always the possibility of un-official action."

The delegates, many of whom put their views forcibly to Mr Newall, were unhappy about the 13.2 per cent increase in basic rates on offer, and the 6 per cent which was meant to cover their claim for comparability with gas employees.

They were claiming about £10 a week for parity, which is equivalent to 16 per cent.
Negotiations were not helped when the British Gas Corporation offered increases of be-tween 15 and 18 per cent, which the union's negotiators have recommended for acceptance.

The comparability payment was due to run from this mouth, while the delegates wanted it to run from December 4, 1979. They are also indignant because the one-hour reduction

notes the one-nour reduction in the working week, also on offer, will run from December 7, 1980, and thus fall into next year's negotiations.

The employers: 527m offer would increase the basic rate for a 40-hour week to £65 and push up weekly average earnings by more than £17 to nearly £108. There was also provision £108. There was also provision for extra holidays.

A meeting between the

A meeting between the GMWU and officers of other unions in the industry, the GMWU will ballot its members public employees, the agricul-before any precipitate industrial tural workers and the transport action is organized—action and general workers, is exaction is organized—action and general workers, is ex-which can only endanger public pected to be held soon to try to health and safety and bring find a common front.

# Gas profit to be £600m

By Nicholas Hirst

**Energy Correspondent** 

British Gas is to make a profit of £500m in 1980-81, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, said in a parliamentary written reply yesterday,

He based his forecast on the Other steel news, page 2

financial target of a 9 per cent return on assets for the gas corporation, recently fixed by the Government. Domestic gas prices are to rise by 29 per cent this year. The last pub-lished profit of the corporation was £360m in 1978-79.

Tito setback Belgrade, Fch 11.—President Tito's heart is showing signs of weakness, his doctors announced tonight. This is a further com-plication in the recovery of the 87-year-old leader from the recent amputation of his left leg.

### Women join Ulster jail dirty protest

From Christopher Thomas Belfast

un e source

Woman prisoners in Armagh izil have begun a dirty protest, by throwing excreta into an exercise yard, in the past few days,
The process began after a

search on Thursday uncovered paramilitary clothing, including black berets, dark glasses and black skirts and pullovers. Violence erupted when the women were removed from all of the property women were removed from cells as the search progressed. The Northern Ireland Office

said that some of the prisoners were bruised but that there were no serious injuries. An inquiry into how the clothing came to be in the prison has begun. Policemen killed: Two police-

men died in a terrorist land-mine blast yesterday on the road from Roslea to Lisnaskea, co Fermanagh. They were in a Land-Rover following a police car when a remote-controlled bomb was detonated

# Inquiry on buying of gold shares sought

By Michael Prest
Consolidated Gold Fields, the
huge mining and industrial
company, has asked the Government for help in identifying the mystery buyer of more than a quarter of its shares.

The company hopes that an inquiry would either flush the buyer or buyers into the open or make them pause. I. reply to Gold Fields' request is expected today and it is likely that an investigation will be

In the past week Gold Fields has grown increasingly con-cerned about the large number of its shares being bought but not registered. As many as 40 million shares, amounting to 27 million shares, amounting to 27
per cent of the total, could have
passed into unknown hands.
Speculative buying of Gold
Fields yesterday pushed the
price up 26p to 524p.
The inquiry, which would be
conducted by the Department
of Trade, was requested by Gold

of Trade, was requested by Gold Fields under Section 172 of the Companies Act, 1948. This sec-

tion gives the department's inspectors sweeping powers to determine the beneficiary owner of shares and to take action against those declining to give evidence, It has not been used in isolation for more than 25

Just as important at this stage for Gold Fields is that the department may also disenfranchise shares whose owners romain anonymous, block dividends on those shares, and stop their transfer moves which would be just as important for Gold Fields.

The most popular City theory

Gold Fields.

The most popular City theory ascribes the buying, which started before Christmas, to Afrikaner interests in South Africa, Gold Fields' prime asset is 46 per cent of Gold Fields of South Africa, the world's second biggest gold mining company. Last year Gold Fields, ranked among the top 15 British companies, made pre-tax profits of panies, made pre-tax profits of 196.4m

The unknown purchaser has continued on page 15, col 2

# Sharp increase in factory prices

near Briton Ferry, Swansea.

entrance. One county council-

Later, Sir Keith said he found

He was not entirely con-

shouting: hate you."

obstruction.

disturbing.

The rise is a grim warning of inflationary pressures now in the pipeline. At the same time raw material costs shot up by 31 per cent bring-ing the annual rise to 274 per cent. Wholesale prices are an indication of the likely level of shop prices in the coming months. Page 15

### Big borrowing surplus

Government borrowing requirement is expected to be in line with Sir Geoffrey Howe's original forecast of 19,564m despite a large surplus of £2,455m on the central government account in January. Buoyant income tax receipts after the large rise in average earnings is the main reason for this substantial surplus Page 15

### Five children die in tire Five children died in a blaze in Sunderland which an officer said was "the worst fire in-

volving children that I have ever had to cope with." The mother of four of the children tried

### Nazis jailed in Cologne

bers of the Gestapo, including the one time deputy chief in Paris, to prison terms of up to 12 years for complicity in murdering thousands of French Jews and communists deported from France during the Second World War Page 5

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### Cell killing cover-up impossible, MPs told

It would be impossible for a killing in police custody to be covered up. Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, told the Select Committee on Home Affairs in answer to a hypothetical question about cell deaths Page 2 about cell deaths Keegan for Southampton

# Kevin Keegan, the European Footballer of the Year, is to join Southampton on July 1 at a cost of £400,000. The English player was widely expected to leave SV Hamburg, his present club, for one of the big Italian or Spanish

Poles face austerity In a speech to the Polish Communist Parry congress, Mr Gierek, its leader, warned the Poles of five years of austerity and the world of dangerous repercussions if the present international tension persisted. He also castigated favouritism, corruption and profiteering among middle-rank party officials Page 6

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# West Germans sharpen support for United States on Olympic boycott

From Patricia Clough

Bonn, Feb 11 Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, has written to President Brezhnevto voice his fears for detente amid signs that Bonn is now in favour of an Olympic boy-Informed sources disclosed

that in his long letter he ex-pressed concern about the in-crease of East-West tension after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.
Responsible politicians in both East and West should be prepared to talk about reducing tension and preventing the

situation from gerting worse, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and suggested the Foreign Minister, said the letter, which was the Foreign Minister, said we expect handed over by the West Ger-vesterday; from the United man ambassador in Moscow last solidarity from the United

week, he also expressed con-cern about the lack of contacts between President Brezhoev and President Carter.

Behind the letter is Bonn's deep concern to preserve as much as possible of the achievemuch as possible of the achieve-ments of its détente policy which in the past 10 years has defused the Berlin issue and transformed relations with East Germany and Eastern Europe. If detente is the second priority for Bonn, loyalty to the United States is the first and it is this loyalty which has prompted a much clearer stand in favour of an Olympic boycott, although the Government can hardly relish the prospect.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

not refuse solidarity in the Olympics question ".

Bonu's attitude to the possible

boycott has been indistinct until now but Herr Klaus Bölling, the Government spokesman, con-firmed at a press conference today that these comments do in fact reflect the Government's US boycott request : The Ameri-

can Olympic Committee today formally asked the full session of the International Olympic Committee (JOC) at its Lake Placid meeting to move the 1980 summer games from Moscow. The request was presented by Robert Kane, the American organization's president, at the start of a two-day IOC debate on the fate of the Moscow Olympics.-Reuter.

# Wholesale prices rose by 21 per cent in January, the largest monthly increase since April, 1977.

Sir Keith Joseph turning away as pickets barred his way

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lor, Mr Paul Flynn, a striking said of the protesters: "I steelman, was prevented from would have been more entering the meeting as he chased Sir Keith upstairs, ized someone to explain their shouting: "You are mad. We point of view to me but I am

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and Steel Trades Confederation,

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strators were steelworkers. He

not impressed by shouting."

said: "We do not want to

A Colonne court sentenced three former mem-bers of the Gestapo, including the one time

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### Labour will examine new ways to end strike

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Mr James Callaghan and senior Shadow Cabinet colleagues will tought examine the prospects for a political solution to the national steel strike, which enters its seventh week tomorrow.

Heading the list of ideas being floated by Labour politicians is a court of inquiry on the lines of the Wilberforce investigation into the coal industry, which prompted a speedy settlement of the criti-cal 1972 miners' strike.

The Opposition is planning to put its ideas in Parliament, possibly in a motion of censure against the Government over has closed state steel plants since January 2.

The steel union leaders are to examine the political options in a meeting with the Shadow Cabinet at the House of Commons tonight.

Leaders of the dominant Iron and Steel Trades Confedcration are more than interested in the proposal to air the shortcomings of their industry in public but like the miners they are unlikely to call off their official stoppage while such a

court sits.

Mr William Sirs, the steel-workers' leader, said last night: My members are as determined as ever, and so am I. You only have to look at the telegrams I have received to see that the attitudes of our members on the picket lines have not changed."

The ISTC general secretary was speaking after his officials had tested opinion after the acceptance in principle of a 14 per cent pay and produc-tivity deal by negotiators for 70,000 craft and general work-70,000 craft and general workers. Steel production workers would not accept such a settlement, Mr Sirs insisted. "They will only be influenced by a reasonable offer—and we have not seen that yet."

The ISTC executive is expected to be recalled to London later this week for a reappraisal of the union's strike strategy and the blastfurnacemen's executive meets today to

men's executive meets today to examine developments in the dispute, but officials of the Ad-visory, Conciliation and Arbitration service will probably have to wait until tomorrow to meet leaders of the two unions.

The steel trades union leaders are convinced that industry is deliberately minimizing the pact of the strike on supplies to manufacturing industry.

They privately predict that many of Britain's exportoriented companies will feel the pinch within 10 days and they will wait and see" before seeking resumed negotiations.

Mr Sirs reaffirmed last night that a 13 per cent payment across the board from January 1, irrespective of local productivity, was required to get his negotiators back to the bar-

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

panies. It reports that on the development of "lower risk"

cigarettes it firmly believes cigarettes that give less con-cern than many brands because

of lower risk to cardio-respiratory systems are a pos-

ln a letter to ministers, Lord-Hunter says that the evidence indicates that if the decline in death from lung cancer is to be

accelerated and not just main-tained it was vital that the tar content of cigarettes should go

Lower-risk cigarettes are

a possibility, report says

Strenuous efforts should continue to be made to help people who cannot give up smoking but wish to smoke "less danger; sees a danger in too rapid a

ously", the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and
Health says today.
The committee, chaired by
Lord Hunter, advises the Government and the tobacco comment and the

# Four held in clashes with police at private steel plant

police and 200 striking steelworkers outside the privately you stop. owned Sheerness Steel works, where 500 men are defying their

union's call to strike. The arrests were the first since more than 150 flying pickets were drafted to the plant last Thursday after an overwhelming vote by Sheerness workers to ignore the strike

They occurred when pickets from Sheffield, Scunthorpe, South Wales and Teesside were joined by reinforcements from South Wales shortly before noon. The picket line has failed to deter workers from entering the plant and failed to stop all but a few lorries.

The striking steelworkers started to surge forward and push their way past 40 police officers brought in to supervise the picket lines. Police have been trying to

Police have been trying to keep picketing under control by asking lorry drivers approaching the plant to stop at the picket lines rather than driving straight through.

Inspector Douglas Stevens said that the pickets, who were taken away to loud cheers and clapping, would probably be charged with obstructing the police.

The arrests came on a day when hostility to pickets on the island reached a head. A landlord of a public house called The Jolly Sailor was forced to ask pickets to leave after receiving an anonymous telephone call threatening that the house would be burnt down unless he refused to serve the striking steelworkers.

Mr Leonard Perrett said: there may be "This chap 'phoned up asking among them. I d if I was serving pickets. I said Mr Chevlin said.

Four pickets were arrested and a few minutes later phoned yesterday after clashes between again. He said, 'we will come and burn the pub down unless

Local officials of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC), whose members make up more than half the 800 strong Sheerness work force. said that the men were work ing normally

They refuse to have any part in the dispute, arguing that it nothing to do with them. The company, which produces 450,000 bars and rods from scrap metal a year, is one of the largest independent steel producers and claims a 3 per cent share of all Britain's steel output.

The men earn between £80 and £120 a week net. but say that they earn it, producing an average of 500 tonnes of steel a head, compared with 180 tonnes a head in the British Steel Corporation,

Alan Hamilton writes from Sheffield: Two pickets were arrested yesterday during a demonstration outside the main gate of Hadfields, the indepen-dent Sheffield steelmaker which has been allowed dispensation from the steel strike. Ronald Faux writes from Glas-

gow: In a bitter reaction to the acceptance by craft workers' unions of a 14 per cent pay package, Mr Patrick Chevlin, spokesman of the Scottish steel strike coordinating committees, said yesterday that the picket lines of steel strikers are to be opened to all trade unionists. "We are opening our ranks

to all working-class people, and there may be extremists among them. I do not know,"

### BSC agrees to make no new purchases of foreign coal

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Agreement has been reached Board and the British Steel Corporation over the controversial issue of the level of sales of coking coal to the steel corporation this year. BSC has agreed to make no new purchases of cheaper over-

seas coal although it had been considering an option to take the 3 million tonnes it imported last year.

As a result, the NCB's sales of coking coal will be held this year at 5 million tonnes, against deliveries last year of 7.2 million tonnes, while present import contracts will be main-

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able objective would be a sub-stantial reduction in the same

proportion as achieved since 1972, in the next five years.

The report says that cigarette

manufacturers in the United Kingdom had agreed to be advised by a panel of scientists to be chaired by Professor W. W. Holland

steelmaking which BSC expects in the future.

The main benefit will be to the South Wales coaffield, although there will still be a surplus of coking coal after the plans to scale down production at the Linner.
Talbot steelworks. the Llanwern and Port

The deal will involve the NCB increasing the level of its subsidy to the BSC frost £15m to £22m in the face of the Government's refusal to provide additional steel subsidies.

Welcoming the agreement, Sir Derek Ezra, the NCB chairman, said that although there would still be a reduced demand for South Wales coking coal, it would no be as great as once seemed likely. The NCB is continuing to

produce coal despite the steel strike and is stockpiling and diverting supplies for elec-

Laggers reject

hour bonus plan

talks between a replacement insulation firm, Cape Contracts, and the Central Electricity Generating Board, which has already embarked on the first

phase of a randown of work.
The board has been deter-

mined not to allow work to go abead without resolving the dispute and without limiting

hoous earnings. At times those brought gross pay levels for

£2.60 an

By Our Labour Staff

With trade union reform,

bright success

That was a clear programme, Mr Steel said, which a majority of opinion would back if poli-

Gilmour speech, page 12

Tagging transmitters

been developed that could be fitted into hearing aids and watches for close-range shadow-

ing ,
Fluorescent dyes and powders

could be secretly applied to a person's body, hair or clothing. They could not be seen in normal light, but when illuminated with an ultraviolet light source carried by the investigator the substances

vestigator the substances glowed and revealed the posi-tion of the person being fol-

Technology had produced a "radio pill" for medical re-search, Mr George said, which could easily be abused for non-

### MP to ask about increased use of private bugging of surveillance equipment now being used is frightening."

Ev Our Labour Stelf

The threat to completion of Europe's biggest oil-fired power; station, at the Isle of Grain, Kent, iotnosified yesterday, when the 60 laggers at the centre of the dispute there refused to work for a maximum bonus of £2.60 an hour.

The terms, rejected unanimously by a meeting of most of the laggers, were drawn up after talks between a replacement Electronic bugging devices that can be installed in hearing aids, wrist watches and glasses for eavesdropping on private conversation were described in the Commons last night by Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for

Walsall, South. He is to ask a series of questions in the Commons today about their increased use by private investigators and secu-rity agents for political pur-poses, industrial espionage, management spying on em-ployees, and in legal disputes.

i. Referring to a detailed report on private espionage in The Sunday Times last Sunday, Mr Seorge said: "Much attention has been given recently to official bugging, but not much to the equally sinister private bugin, and the use of electronic surveillance equipment.

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medical spying. It gave off a signal strong enough to be fol-lowed at ranges of about five to twenty yeads, and greater tunges were expected in the

By David Nicholson-Lord

Greenpeace volunteers cam-paigning against the shipping of spent nuclear fuel set sail last night from Guernsey for Cherbourg ready to defy an order banning the environmen-

that they planned to intercept a cargo of spent fuel being shipped from Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, to Cherhourg on board the Pacific Swan, a British Nuclear Fuels vessel. The Pacific Swan left on Sun-

Rainbow Warrior, yesterday left its anchorage off Guernsey. Mr Peter Wilkinson, director of Greenpeace UK, said the Rainbow Warrior would wait outside French territorial waters until confirmation of the nuclear vessel's four was received but the

The Rainbow Warrior was ordered out of Cherbourg harbour last week by the prefecture and an injunction has been

Supporters of Greenpeace in Barrow have said that their correspondence had been intercepted and opened since they joined the town's anti-nuclear protest.



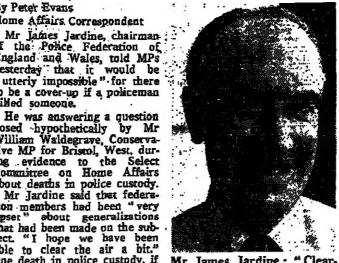
Cover-up of a cell killing by a policeman 'impossible'

Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, told MPs yesterday that it would be utterly impossible "-for there to be a cover-up if a policeman killed someone.

posed hypothetically by Mr William Waldegrave, Conserva-tive MP for Bristol, West, dur-ing evidence to the Select Committee on Home Affairs about deaths in police custody. Mr Jardine said that federa-tion members had been "very about generalizations that had been made on the subject. "I hope we have been able to clear the air a bit." One death in police custody, if Mr James Jardine: "Clearnegligence was proved, was too

The figures showed that there had been inquests on just over 90 per cent of deaths in cus-



ing the air a bit ".

the coroners were satisfied as to the cause of death on the basis of the available medical tody since 1970.

"In those cases where coroners have decided not to hold of the circumstances."

basis of the available medical
evidence and their knowledge

federation could see no basic objection to an inquest being held in all cases of death in police custody: "It has been said that a per-

No basic objection to inquests on all deaths in custody, federation chairman says

son who was very drunk and choked on his own vomit might be considered to have died through misadventure, but he might have been 'roughed up' in his cell beforehand. It is sheer speculation of this kind, for which there has not been produced a shred of evidence, which is deeply resented by our members."

He said the police federation had come out in firm public support of proposals to estab-lish medically based detoxification centres.
Police officers were not

medically trained, Though therewere special rules for the regu-lar and frequent supervision of drunken prisoners, nobody expected that the police would always be able to distinguish between arunkenness and some

The police federation also the peace in those cases where police forces in other places.

By Our Political Correspondent

local Labour parties by left-

wing extremists prepared by Lord Underhill, the former

national agent, are to be examined by a group of five senior members of the party.

That was decided by the organization committee of the

national executive at a meeting in the House of Commons last

night, where the debate dramatically reflected the internal dispute between the

Clearly the Trotskyist "Mili-

tant Tendency" was the prime source of infiltration, but when

Labour Party.

left wing and the moderates.

Reports on the infiltration of

advocated yesterday a policy of prohibition of all public marches and demonstrations which the chief constable believed were reasonably likely to lead to serious breaches of the law.

Mr J. Martucci, secretary of the federation, told the select committee that existing legislation under the Public Order Act might not always be sufficient to ensure that the professional advice of the chief officer was accepted. There is an obvious possi-

bility that a local authority will reach a decision as to whether or not to impose a ban according to the political complexion of that authority."

In evidence, Mr Martucci said that the 1936 Act should

be amended so that a chief constable should apply to the Rome Secretary for an order prohibiting a march or event when he was satisfied that such a ban was necessary. He questioned whether the law was adequate to maintain

Anxiety at Labour inquiry move

The original motion, moved by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour frombench spokesman on educa-tion, was that a subcommittee of five should be set up "to

examine the Underbill docu-ments and all 'tendencies' and

To this Mr Tony Saunois, representative on the executive of

the Young Socialists and an open supporter of the "Militant

Tendency", moved the adden-dum: "... including links be-tween sections of the Labour

Party and bankers, industrial-

ists, the CIA, and other enemies

of the Labour movement". When it came to the vote the

groups in the Labour Party".

"We believe that consideration should be given to the desirability of creating an offence, such as incitement to prevent a lawful march, public event, or demonstration by illegal means."

Mr Martucci said that as each · mass demonstration became larger and more violent than its predecessor the police must of necessity ecome firmer and harsher.

"How much further will we have to go in this direction? Annabel Ferriman writes: The Brisish Youth Council asked Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, yesterday to set up an inquiry into relations between young people and the

The council suggested that the inquiry should look at areas where relations were satisfactory and draw up a int of good practice could be followed by blueprint

In view of later decisions, the first agreed resolution of

the meeting seems puzzling. Moved by Mr Wedgwood Benn, it said that the NEC should re-

affirm its view "that it does not wish to set up an inquisition into the activities of groups within the party: however, it invites all such groups made up

of Labour Party members to make available details of their

own organization, membership their own working documents,

and finance, and to release on the same basis as is now

done by the NEC, to permit a wider discussion of socialism within the movement".

That seemed to be super-

seded by the later resolution,

with Mr Saunois' addendum

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### Mr Steel woos the Tory moderates

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, last night opened his party's campaign to capture the onservative-held seat of Southend, East, in the forthcoming by-election, with a comment on the distilusionment of Conservative voters at the stern monetary approach being adopted by the Government and praise for those Cabinet ministers resist-

ing those policies.

Addressing a regional party rally at the Southend High School for Girls, he welcomed the speech made in Cambridge last Thursday by Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, who is one of the Cabinet ministers opposed to some of the ideas of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry.

"I welcome Sir Ian's declaration at Cambridge in which he criticized the prevailing Tory economic policy", Mr Steel ing those policies.

economic policy". Mr Steel said. Sir Ian had criticized that policy "because of its starkness and its failure to create a sense of community" and said that it was not a safeguard of political freedom but a threat to it. Mr Steel said that life for liberals " with a small I " inside the Conservative Party must indeed be blesk nowadays. "How much more effective they would be if we in the Liberal Party could provide they with a readible home in them with a credible home in which their philosophy could

flourish.
"It is not just from the Labour Party that people must break out if we are to end our 1940s pattern of politics and create a new structure for the

Britain, Mr Steel said, was desperately needed. standing on the edge of an

country they once called the workshop of the world has empty workshops, silent fac-tories and high unemployment."
"Our industrial base is shrinking fast and imports are flooding in. In 1979 we lost more working days through industrial disputes then in any year since the general strike of 1926.

"There is a growing sense of despair in the country. It is particularly high among those who voted Conservative in May and who now are appalled to find themselves with a 'do

nothing Government."

Mr Steel added that the Government did nothing to bring down inflation, to reduce crippling interest and mortgage rates, to settle the damaging steel strike or to stop public corporations placing orders

This Government has elevated 'doing nothing' into a basic principle of political belief", he said.

sustained prices and incomes policy, and a new structure of industrial parmership, which included sharing of profit, "we could change the face of Britain from one of sickness to one of

ticians came together to create a government of national reform. The Tory and Labour parties by their very structure and history were incapable of providing it. That is why a party of the centre, "a party to reassert the common purpose our people, whatever their iss or position in life", was

### stop work in dispute over pay By David Felton Labour Reporter A large part of London's three enclosed docks was haked yesterday because of a strike

ence given to the inquisitors.

London dockers

over pay. The Transport and General Workers' Union, the main union, was not involved, but most of its members refused to cross picket lines. Talks between the employers

and the unions are due to be held today to try to resolve the dispute. The employers have made a 12 per cent pay offer, which they have said is all they can afford.

More than 1,100 members of

More than 1,100 members of the National Amalganiated Stevedores and Dockers Union started an indefinite strike, and no ships were being worked in London's upper docks, and four ships were idle at Filbury.

Several sections at Tilbury not affected by the pey dispute were working normally, including the roll-on, roll-off area, the grain terminal and container, bertis.

berths. The TGWU is also in dispute over pay. It has submitted a 43 per cent claim, and has held two one-day strikes.

### 'add 25% to wages bill' By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter

ing pay increases that would a which in effect set the rates for benefits. a million of the industry's

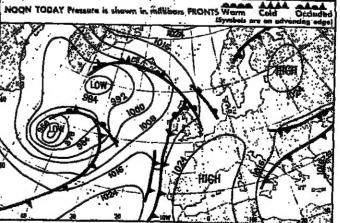
To bring the pay of the goods lower-paid craftsmen up to Negot that level they would have to have increases of up to 70 per ceot. Craftsmen's minimum earnings now are £67 for a 40hour week.

crease in the wage bill before ny "new money" was added. In addition the unions want a 35-hour week, an extra week's holiday, the establishadd well over a quarter to the ment of an occupational pen-wage bill when megotiations sion scheme and other fringe

In a hint that his members eral secretary of the Union of Construction, Altied Trades and Technicians (UCATT), said:
"This union has never been in
a better financial state than
it is now and the members are looking to us to deliver the

Negotiations covering con-struction and civil engineering are often concluded well before the June sertlement date, bewage element in the pricing of this year, basides the pay de-

### Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.22 am . 5.9 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 4.2 am 12.57 pm New Moon; February 16.

Lighting up : 5.39 pm to 6.50 am. Lightney up: 5.39 pm to 6.50 am. High Water: London Bridge, 9.45 am, 5.6m; 10.24 pm, 5.9m. Avonmouth, 2.42 am, 9.8m; 3.24 pm, 10.3m. Bover, 7.14 am, 5.4m; 7.59 pm, 5.4m. Hull, 2.9 am, 5.7m; 2.49 pm, 5.9m. Liverpool, 7.29 am, 7.5m; 8.2 pm, 7.6m.

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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight : A trough of low pressure will cross E parts, leaving all districts in a mild SW airstream.

London, SE, central S England: light drizzle, becoming drier with a few clear or sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

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East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N, NE England: Rain, becoming drier with clear or sunny intervals; wind SW. moderate or fresh; maximum temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW, mode-rate, becoming fresh at times; sea slight, becoming moderate. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

50'F),

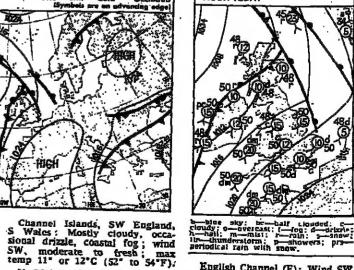
tinuing mild.

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scorland: Rain or drizzle, coastal fog; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle; wind SW. fresh; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland; Rain, becoming drier with clear intervals during evening; wind SW, moderate; maximum temp 9° to 10°C (48° to 50°F)

Outlook for tomorrow



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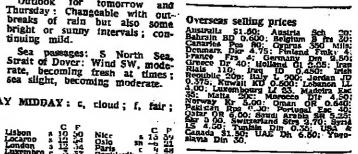
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English Channel (E): Wind SW, moderate to fresh; sea slight to moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate, increasing to strong at times; sea moderate, becoming rough at times.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm 12°C (54°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 66 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm. a trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.2hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,026.2 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.



# Goes like clockwork, by Jupiter!

Model trains usually do, at Sotheby's Belgravia. This Bing gauge 'one' clockwork 4-4-0 locomotive, 'Jupiter', No. 1942, finished in original LNWR black livery lined red and cream was included in an auction of Railwayana and realised £850.

If you have a live steam or clockwork locomotive or any other engineered model which you think might be of value, please telephone or write to Hilary Kay.

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tural efficiency contributes to the decline in farm employ-ment without creating alterna-

appears to attach no great im-portance to rural transport needs, primarily because of the terms of the Treaty of Rome, which place the emphasis on economic and commercial economic The report observes that, apart from the rural depriva-

tion existing in Britain and

Community's transport policy

other member states, the pros-pective enlargement of the Community to include Greece, Portugal and Spain will bring further difficulties. The relative poverty of the ment without creating alterna-tive jobs.

Rural areas benefit too little from non-agricultural spending under the EEC budget. The

# Marsh drainage opposed

which would normally be re-garded as of only local interest has assumed national and even European importance. The inquiry is into an appli-

cation for the drainage and reclamation of some 200 acres of salt marsh at Gedney Drove End, on the south-western shore of the Wash. The Ministry of Agriculture has approved a request for a

A public inquiry beginning today at Spalding Lincolnshire, which would normally be re-

opposing the scheme, saying that it will further erode one of the most cherished habitats of wildfowl and wading birds
In A Nature Conservation
Review, which it published
jointly with the National Environmental Research Council in 1977, the Wash was identified as a grade 1 site of international importance, one of

day.

route was received, but the group intended to take its campaign " to the limit ".

members of the committee were split six-six, and Mr Eric Heffer, the motion was finally passed it included the implication that the chairman and left-wing MP bankers, industrialists and the United States Central Intellifor Liverpool, Walton, gave his casting vote for the inclusion gence Agency" were involved as sources of finance for par-ticular groups within the of those words.

Asked at a press conference later about CIA involvement in Many Labour MPs last night were appalled by the results of the meeting; they think that only harm can come to the party from the terms of refer-

the Labour Party, Mr Heffer said: "There have been documents floating around in the Labour Party for a considerable time alleging that certain people have got finance from the CIA.

included, setting up the inquiry group of five. This was pessed by 11 votes to 2. Members of the group will be Lady Jeger (chairman of the party), Mr Michael Foot, deputy leader, Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Benn, and Mr Tom Bradley, MP for Leicester, East, Mr David Hughes, the national agent, as secretary.

# Building unions' pay claims

-Building unions will be seek-

The unions have lodged a formal claim which seeks a "substantial increase in the consolidated basic rate, which takes into account that on many contracts £3 per hour is already

workers begin at the end of might be prepared to back this this month.

The whore bowe ladged a action, Mr Leslie Wood, gen-

The unions are also, seeking contracts. A big sticking point full consolidation of £15.40 supplements into the basic rate this year, besides the pay de-The National Federation of Building Trades Employers cal-culated last week that that likely to press with more vigour would mean a 16 per cent in-

### Developments in Tobacco Products and the Possibility of "Lower-Risk" Cigarcties: Second report of Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health (Stationery Office; £1.75). some of the largers to up to 1300 a week and caused friction with other groups at the troubled site. Review of EEC rural aid vital, Lords report says

By John Young Planning Reporter EEC policies do little to assist deprived rural areas. The time has come for a radical review. That is the main con-clusion of a report published economi today by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Euro-

While the common agricul-tural policy sustains farming, in many cases its benefits accrue to a relatively small section of the rural community, the report states. Its promotion of agricul-

drainage grant from the South five in Britain jointly compar-Holland Internal Drainage able with the Rhine delta and Board, but the Department of the Waddenzee on the north the Environment has called in coast of Holland and Germany.

### Greenpeace ship sets off for Cherbourg

tal group from entering French territorial waters. Leaders of Greenpeace said

Greenpeace's vessel,

obtained by the British Trans-port Docks Board against Greenpeace preventing it from interfering with shipments at Barrow,

In brief

Check clears

cancer victim

A cancer victim, Mrs Kaya Kelly, of Walton, Liverpool, who has helped to raise more than 1373,000 for cancer research—was told yesterday that she does, not have breast cancer. Mrs Kelly, aged 35, underwent surgery 12 days ago to remove lumps from her breasts, but tests have shown that the tumours were beuign.

She was told in 1978 that she had 12 months to live, but last August doctors said the cancer in her body had become dormant. She had feared that prolonged treatment for the latest symptoms would trigger off the dormant cancer.

30 moved out after

Police led about 30 people, many of them elderly, from their homes early yesterday morning after a landslide in the coastal village of Hele, near. Ilfracombe, Devon. The evacuation was ordered because it that the feared that appears in.

was feared that another rain-storm could send more carth and rocks tumbling down a steep hill on to 20 homes in-Hillside Road.

In defiance of Government, guidelines, the Lothian Regional

Council finance committee yes-

terday approved a total increase,

in domestic rates of more than.

40 per cent in its 1980-81 budget of £303.7m, which is £34m above

the Government limit. The domestic rate is still to be.

An overtime ban by 150 cater-

approved by the full council.

Overtime ban lifted

40% rate rise plan

landslip in village

# Suspected terrorists' right of silence angers Army in Ulster

Senior Army officers and policemen in Northern Ireland are increasingly angry and frustrated over the right of a suspected terrorist to restrict the senior at the senior pected terrorist to remain silent during interrogation.

There is intensive behindthe-scenes lobbying for a political response to what is seen as one of the most serious obstacles in removing known gummen and bombers from the

High-ranking soldiers, as well as the ordinary infantryman on patrol in Belfast, make no secret of their resentment. Almost daily they see suspected terrorists, but know that arresting them would probably not lead to a conviction.

The tactic of silence is not only frustrating the ability to secure convictions. It also diminishes the effectiveness of routime screening of suspected terrorists and their supporters, which used to be a valuable way of gathering intelligence.

There is also despair among senior members of the security forces when convicted terrorists are granted remission on their prison sentences. One of the

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ported after a two-year inves-

tigation of the British uplands

that some moors are scruffy and uneconomic, and do not de-

Much of the three million

acres of grouse moor in Britain

serve to survive.

dented yesterday. The Centre

province's senior officers de-scribed remission as "one of the biggest enemies".

the biggest enemies."

The Official Ulster Unionist Party has produced a confidential internal paper on the "right to silence." as part of an intensifying campaign for a change in the law.

It says it would not be enough for silence to be construed merely as corroboration of potentially incriminating evidence. It would be necessary to potentially incriminating evidence. It would be necessary to have a specific offence of failing to answer a question from the police investigating terrorist

That might be best defined. I that might be best defined, it says, in terms of questions put to people arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 1976, and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act.

1978.
The document says the offence should also extend to failing to account for one's movements, which would thwart those who might give vague those who might give vague answers.
Under strictly defined cir-

cumstances the Army can arrest a person for a maximum of four hours, after which he must be handed over to the Royal Ulster

bear comparison with alterna-

tive land-use systems. The price for joining a traditional shoot

might be as much as £20 a

planted with trees to help the nation to meet the coming

world timber shortage. They

existed by receiving overflow birds from good moors near by

and were supported financially by subsidies for hill sheep. They failed the test to which

the centre, which is attached

Others, however, should be

Grouse moor's image takes a beating

### Gunmen rob diamond dealer of £800,000

By Craig Seton
Three armed men escaped
with jewelry and precious
stones valued at £800,000 when
they attacked a diamond dealer outside his London office yes-terday. Police described the raid as well planned, well timed, and "simply done".

The robbers, one with a sawn-off shotgun, carried out the raid at 7 am as Mr Wilfred Hogg, aged 35, left his office in Kirby Street, just off Hatton Garden, with the valuables in a bag and security yest. Mr Hogg was hit over the head, bundled into a van, tied, gagged, and left dazed and shocked in Union Square, Islington, until a passer-by found him 40 minutes later and released him.

Apparently Mr Hogg had called at his office alone to collect the valuables ready to fly to the Middle East for a

sales trip. Mr Hogg was treated in hospital for shock. Det Inspector Harry Davidson, of the robbery squad, said: "The robbery was very simply done by someone with very good information." It was not unusual for jewels worth millions " to be carried in that area.

to Reading University, has subjected all forms of upland use,

that they should produce a good economic or social return.

cized by farmers for suggesting that the national forest

Britain imports more than nine-tenths of its timber needs. That cost £2,750m last year.

Strategy for the UK Forest In-dustry: (Centre for Agricultural Strategy, 2 Eurley Gate, Read-ing Berkshire; 18.50).

acreage should be doubled.

The centre has been criti-



Mr Franta Belsky, the sculptor (left), studying the half figure of Harry S. Truman which he made for the United States Army Corps of Engineers for installation at a dam to be named after him in Missouri. Yesterday Mr William Waldren was giving finishing touches to the sculpture.

# **Bus takings** in Midlands 'not paid in' From Arthur Osman Birmingham The Mart Midland Basen

The West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive, whose income from bus fares is about 550m a year, has been told by auditors that substantial sums are missing, an official of the executive said yesterday.

The executive will consider

a report tomorrow from the auditors, Joselyne Layton-Bennet, of Birmingham, chartered accountant.

The executive said it appeared that some of the 750 million coins put into the money vaults" on buses in exchange for tickets every year had not been paid in.

Police may be asked to investigate the losses.

### a second jail visitor By a Staff Reporter

The second of two prison voluntary workers who spoke on television about last August's riot at Wormwood Scrubs have been dismissed by the Home Office.

Dismissal of

Miss Kay Douglas-Scott was told yesterday in a letter from the Inner London Probation Service that her accreditation as a voluntary associate, which enables her to visit prisoners, was not beng renewed. She said she was saddened and "very upset" by the news.

Miss Douglas-Scott described yesterday's letter of dismissal, which said the decision was "in no way" related to the exercise of her right to talk to the media, as an insult.

Last month Mr Jonathan Pollitzer was dismissed from rollizer was dismissed from his job as an official prison visitor. Both Miss Douglass-Scott and Mr Pollizzer appeared last year on the programme, Thames News, and spoke of the riot, in which 54 prisoners and 11 prison officers were injured. Before their dismissal both said they had come under pressure to resign for making their views public.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, who has been campaigning on behalf of Mr Pollitzer and Miss Douglas-Scott, said yesterday that 75 MPs had signed his early-day motion calling for the reinstatement of Mr Pollitzer.

# Rock salmon becomes dogfish in new rules

By Hugh Clayton

Fishmongers and owners of fish and chip shops who describe fish as "rock salmon" will face imprisonment or fines under Covernment plans aunounced yesterday. The fish known in much of Britain as rock salmon, rock fish or rock eel will have to be described

as dogfish. But less familiar pames for other fish, including "fork-beard", "tusk", and "thick-back", will be allowed. The aim is to prevent traders pass-ing off unusual varieties of fish as more familiar and expensive

Yet it illustrated the confusion which attended the un-veiling by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the most radical planned

changes in food labelling law for 10 years. The ministry hopes that rules submitted to food companies and consumer groups yesterday will become law in less than a year.

The changes are necessary cause the EEC has issued a shout "the The changes are needed belong directive about "the approximation of the laws of member states".

The obligation on ministers to fit the EEC rules into British law has forced them to reject the appeal by the Government's own Food Standards Committee that ingredients should be listed on the labels of alcoholic drinks.

The ministry has decided, however, that they should be listed on foods like ice cream, biscuits and packed cakes, Proposals for New Labelling of Food Regulations (Ministry of Agriculture, Whitehall Place, Lon-don, SW1).

Liverpool hospital was lifted temporarily yesterday so that details of new work rotas could be referred to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration

Faults in chimneys Structural faults have been-

Oil kills 180 seabirds

found in two boiler chimneys. in the tower block at Guy's Hospital, London. The flaws are similar to those that caused the collapse of an incinerator chimney in 1978.

mile stretch of the Norfolk and Suffolk coast from Mundesley to Lowestoft. It is not known

where the oil came from. No bus charges The Conservative-controlled. education committee

Some 180 seabirds have died from oil pollution along a 40-

### was well tended and produced a good profit for the nation and RAF suspends training after

Buccaneer crash The RAF yesterday denied that their Buccaneer aircraft have been grounded after last week's crash in the Nevada desert. But they have confirmed that flying training has been suspended pending the result of an investigation which began on Sunday in the United Serves. the United States.

The aircraft that crashed, killing the crew of two, was from 15 Squadron stationed at Larrbruch, West Germany. It was taking part in the annual Red Flag exercises.

# RSC's deficit threatens Aldwych season

By Martin Huckerby Theatre Reporter The financial state of the Royal Shakespeare Company is so precarious that it has been unable to plan any productions in London after next September, Mr Trevor Nunn, the company's joint artistic director. said yesterday.

He announced details of productions for 1980-81, including five of the most popular Shakespeare plays at Stratfordon-Avon, which were chosen to ensure maximum ticket sales.

Mr. Nunn said that unless it Mr Nunn said that unless it received a substancial increase in its Arts Council grant, the

only way the company could save sufficient money would be to close its London operations at the Aldwych Theatre and the Warehouse. It would not be able then to move into the new theatre at the Berbican next The company would end the

present year with a deficit; it was already making economies on all fronts. Ticket prices will be increased for the new season: at Streeford by up to 20 per cent, with a top price of £10; at the Aldwych by about 17.5 per cent, with a top New productions at Stratford

begin in April with As You Like It, followed by Romeo and Juliet, with Judy Buxton and Anton Lesser as the lovers.

Hamlet, with Michael Pennington in the title role, will be directed by John Barton, and in the autumn Alan Howard will play the title roles in both

and in the autumn Alan Howard will play the title roles in both Richard II and Richard III.

At the Aldwych there will be three transfers from Stratford: Twelfth Night, The Merry Wives of Windsor and Othello, with Donald Sinden as the Moor. A new adaptation of Nicholas Nickleby, by David Edgar, will be performed over Edgar, will be performed over

# British gas industry was defended by the Gas Council last night in response to a report by the British Safety Council. The report says the

industry's attitude to gas explo-sions is "a national disgrace". The report also claims that the industry is secretive, com-placent and indifferent to the victims of explosions. It says there are three explosions a week and calls for a system of

strict liability to be imposed on the industry, the setting up of a register of explosions and The safety record of the the formation of a government team to investigate them.

Gas explosions 'disgrace'

The Gas Council said: "A number of independent inquiries into gas safety have found that our conduct is satisfactory or better. We always sactory of better. We always improvement, and we always cooperate fully with inquiries. Our safety record has been praised many times".

voted yesterday to drop proposals to charge parents for school

# Ispeeds Faffic and stops thieves.

It's a radar device, originally developed by Mullard for defence purposes, which is now controlling speedometer for boats and, in the traffic and protecting property.

It sends out a microwave beam and, using the Doppler principle, compares this with the reflected beam. Any change in the return signal means something has moved.

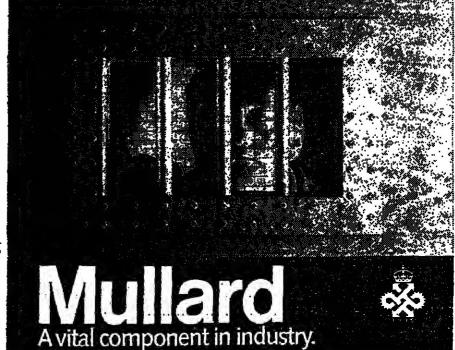
So, the small boxes on top of temporary traffic lights are watching for cars, allowing them to move on with the minimum delay. Similar components have become the nerves of highly versatile and

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# Mrs Shirley Williams sees Civil Service as brake mechanism delaying change and initiative

Secretary of State for Education and Science, last night conform", she said.
described the British Civil Power, she added.
Service as "a beautifully the interlocking ris resigned and effective braking mechanism".

of Public Administration lecture on "Policy and Practice" in London, she said civil servants were "much less effective as innovators and inventors". They could produce a hundred well argued answers against initiative and change.

Such characteristics were an asset when the country was bursting with initiative in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. But with the decline of manufacturing and engineering vitality, the Civil Service had become the most

Directors of

club cleared

Harry Meadows and his son Andrew, directors of Churchills

club, were cleared yesterday of living off prostitution earnings.

The jury of six men and six women at Knightsbridge Crown

Court returned a verdict of not

guilty after three hours and 20

minutes of deliberation on the twentieth day of the trial.

Mr Meadows, aged 61, of

Mr Meadows, aged 35, of Chesterfield Gardens, Westminster, and his son, aged 36, of Queen Street, Westminster, both directors of Churchills club and the 21 Club, Mayfair,

had denied the joint charge.

Churchills

of charge

y a Staff Reporter they regard as wrong-headed a greater interchange between Mrs Shirley Williams, former leadership, they will argue and Whitehall, industry and local even obstruct, but will finally

Power, she added, lay inside the interlocking rings of the Civil Service, ministers and pressure groups. Pressure Delivering a Royal Institute groups were a force sadly f Public Administration lecture neglected by the press. They no "Policy and Practice" in cook no responsibility for the changes they persuaded Whitehall to make and were not, therefore, accountable to the

public interest. Departmental advice to ministers was largely coloured by the last reform the ministry had undertaken, which was emblazoned "on a department's and would be defended.

Mrs Williams suggested a number of areas for reform 1-Civil service recruitment effective of Britain's negative should be changed, with more forces.

Mrs Williams denied that senior civil servants exerted a hidden power in controlling the country's destiny. "Given what conced people entering late and

government.

-A recognition that "fiction" of ministerial res-ponsibility can no longer be sustained, with civil servants freer to speak, and therefore more accountable, before select committees.

3-A more "collegiate" more "collegiate" system of Whitehall advice, with a minister able to choose between a variety of views and options proposed by civil servants.
4—"Some kind of official free-

dom of information Act" was a certainty for "if not the next Parliament, then the one after ", with less over-classification of documents.

The Leader of the Opposition should sit on the National Economic Development Council "so that he or she would be familiar with the views of the representatives of both the unions and the emparty comes to office".

### Whitehall brief: The chosen few

### Britain ruled by 'permanent coalition' since 1945

can be made for arguing that the United Kingdom has been governed by a permanent coalition since 1945. Every time

how to reform the Official Secrets Act, it has sent for Lord Plowden, Lord Franks, OM, or some other member of the "Good and Great" to suggest a way out.

A mystique has grown up around the "Good and Great" that is only partially dispelled

The Commons Select Com-

mittee on the Treasury and the Civil Service has begun to take an interest in the "list" and last week Mr Richard Wainwright, Liberal MP for Coine Valley, asked Mr Charkham abour it

If the line of Mr Wain-

wright's questioning is any

guide, the select committee is likely to urge the Government

to make the processes for com-

piling the list more open by enabling individuals outside the

"charmed circle" to suggest

boards and advisory committees.
Mr Charkham's unit was

established five years ago as a

first step towards greater open-ness and accessibility. The

I have always felt that appoint-ments to public positions should be open and clearly made upon

public appointment to

At an earlier stage in the trial Salvador Vella, a former when one discovers that the celebrated list constituing their head waiter, was cleared of living off the earnings of prosnames is inscribed not on relium but on indexed curriculum vitae in a row of metal filting cabinets inside the Old Admiralty Building in White-hall. Its custodian is Mr Jonathan Charkham, Director of the Before sending the jury out Judge Morton said the prosecution did not allege that more than a minority of Churchills' hostesses were acting as prosti-Public Appointments Unit of the Civil Service Department.

He told them: "There may he, for all I know, night clubs in London which are little more than takeaway brothels. But if there are, Churchills is not one

He said it was abundantly clear from what witnesses had said that Churchills was a well run and well equipped place of entertainment providing good food and drink. It was a place for the family, with a nice oldfashioned floor show.

The judge described Churchills as "one of the best, if not the best, night club in London ".

The accused were applauded from the public gallery as the verdicts were approunced. Later at the 21 Club Mr

Meadows received congratulations from many members. He said that he and his son were shocked and flabbergasted " at the police accusations.

"I had no doubt about the outcome, because we have never done anything wrong in our lives and we shall never do so." Asked about the future of Churchills club, he said the lease might be sold "to the Arabs". But he added: "We have no intention of giving up

An almost respectable case a Cabinet, whatever its political colour, has come up against a knotty issue, like what to do with the aircraft industry or serious and worthy job, but they have not been allowed to go the

Mr Charkham's present list contains 4,000 names, none of which he can disclose.

is to offer departments as wide a spread of people as possible for appointments in their gift. Since 1975 the unit has made cent of the list), more people under 30 and more potential

ments are making three times as much use of the list as in pre-unit days.

The planned second stage for opening the system, along the lines proposed by Dr Donoughue, involved a system of notices pinned up in post offices inviting the public to recommend themselves or others who they felt could serve the country by public service. Some Labour ministers, notably Mr Peter Shore, resisted the idea and it was shelved. It has, how-

opening the system had borne fruit. "Not yet. Nor is it dead", Mr Charkham replied. that there were three ways the public could suggest nominees: initiative came from Dr Bernard Donoughue, senior policy ad-viser to Sir Harold Wilson, who by writing "to their MP, to a viser to Sir Harold Wilson, who was then Prime Minister. The old system, Dr Donoughue recalled last week, often involved a minister being given "just three names for a job, two of whom were unsuitable, the other being the person the department wanted". He went on: minister or to us direct". So if friend as the Lord Plowden of the 1980s and does not want to wait for a notice to go up in the Post Office, he can reach the custodian of the list at the following address: Director, Public Appointments Unit Old

considerations of merit and not the subject of what is effectively the private patronage of ministers and mandarins. The Public Appointments Unit has already improved that. Jonathan Charkham and his unit have done a

full way.

The existence of a vacancy should be advertised. The principle is maximum advertisement so that people can apply and recommend

The main purpose of his job strenuous efforts to find more women (still only 15 to 20 per appointees from the regions, he told the select committee last

week.
It is difficult to measure success, but Whitehall depart-

ever, been revived.

Mr Wainwright asked Mr Charkham last week if ideas for He told the select committee Admiralty Building, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AZ.

### Libel action jury read 'Johnny Go Home' book

A jury of six men and six to read the book, Johnny Go Home, on the first day of "one of the most unusual and rare cases" to be heard at the Cen-tral Criminal Court.

The book is the subject of a criminal libel prosecution brought privately by Roger Gleaves, aged 47, once known as the "Bishop of Medway". against its two authors and two publishers.

The authors, Mr John Willis, son of Lord Willis, and Mr Michael Deakin, and the publishers, Quarter Books and Futura Publications, all deny criminal libel. They claim justification in

that the words that were the subject of the alleged libel were true in substance and fact and it was for the public's benefit that they were published.

Mr Christopher Adcock, representing Mr Gleaves, said there were eight allegations of criminal libel over the book.

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Mr Gleaves was said to have committed acts of indecency with various men, committed fraud on the Department of Health and Social Security, had dealings in stolen property and lived off the earnings of male and female prostitution, was an active fascist, had been guilty of theft of electricity in using telephones, and had either stolen food or used stolen food.

The final two alleged libels

The final two alleged libels were that Gleaves ordered an attack on a boy called McPhee and that he was a monster like the Krays or the Richardsons. Mr Adcock said: "A criminal libel is something in this case which is written down which exposes someone to harred, ridicule or contempt, or damages him in his business, trade or calling. And that it what Mr Gleaves says this has done to him in one way or another".

Mr Justice Comyn said: "It is a most unusual and rare type of case of alleged criminal libel, and rarer still in that it has not been brought by the Crown but brought, as it is perfectly entitled to be brought, by a private prosecution."

Mr Adcock read passages to the jury. In one Mr Gleaves was described as a monster. "There are always monsters, be they talled Krey or Richardson or the Bishop of Medway", Mr Adcock send Adcock read. One of the main scenes of the

young homeless when they arrived in London, Mr Adcock "In 1973 Mr Gleaves set up a group of hostels." They were

first concerned with released prisoners. Later they also took homeless young people. Mr Adcock said that Mr McPhee had been a resident of Mr Gleaves's hostel, but three men were convicted of murdering him in June, 1974.

Mr Gleaves was also charged with causing Mr McPhee grievous bodily harm and assaulting him; but when the case went to trial the prosecution offered no evidence. Mr Adcock said the book, Johnny Go Home, first came into Mr Gleaves's possession while he was serving a fouryear jail sentence for buggery

The case continues today. Boy on murder charge A boy aged 13 is to appear at Winchester Crown Court on

February 21 charged with the murder of Kelly Thomas, aged six, who was found dead in a bush near her home in West Leigh, Havant, Hampshire.

# Boiling cooking oil no way to combat crime

John Chartres reports on police efforts to help Merseyside's Chinese community

Pouring boiling oil out of Chinese community in Europe act as the direct link with The police team led by Supe upper windows and putting speak no English and cannot Merseyside police. high-voltage charges across win- make normal use of the 999 Mr Wang said dow grilles are not acceptable system, merhods of crime prevention, Even the Chinese community in Liverpool was told yesterday:

. In an attempt to reduce the level of thefts, vandalism and violence to which the many Chinese restaurant and fish-andchip shop proprietors on Merseyside say they are sub-jected, a team of police officers addressed a group of about 40 of them and gave advice on more conventional methods of

coping with crime.

The difficulty, it seemed, was communication. Many of the 10,000 members of the oldest

English, one of the crime pre-vention officers said, often of Chinese people but their have difficulty in making themselves understood to harassed whole family depends on the police in operations rooms, perhaps because of over-excitement and speaking too fast. Arrangements are being

made through the Merseyside Chinese Community Service for interpreters to be on call, particularly during the high-risk have sometimes resorted to their hours after public houses close own measures of self-defence on Friday and Saturday nights. Mr Brian Tai-shen Wang, the Chinese community officer, will

Mr Wang said after yester of the police public relations day's conference: "The res: department, and Chief Inspector Even those who do speak taurant and fish-and-chip shops of Chinese people but their homes as well, and often the

> quent late at night when neighbours are not available and some customers may be under the romantics of alcohol

"Through frustration they own measures of self-defence, such as electrified grilles or warding off attackers with boiling cooking oil."

department, and Chief Inspector "Tiny" Isaac, of the crime pre-vention department, promised that officers would premises to give detailed advice on security tocks and other devices.

cont

Some of the businessmen criticized the police for having failed to answer calls or being slow to respond.

Greater confidence between the community and the police

is sought—and errangements are being made for football matches and other sporting events to be staged between



### The shell of the house after the fire which killed five children.

### Five children die in home blaze

A mother's attempt to save five children from a blazing house failed yesterday when she had to jump from a bedroom window with her clothes burn-

ing.
Her four children and a bebysitter died in the fire, which
swept through her semidenched council home in Plawsworth Square, Pennywell, Sunderland. Roused by smoke, Mrs Sandra Bannen, aged 30, ran to the bedroom and managed to get hold of two of the children. But she could not hold on and was forced to climb out of the window after being set on fire. She dropped to the garden below and was later seriously W in bospital. Mrs Bannen and her husband,

Terence, aged 32, were asleed in a downstairs room when the

Their children, Sonya, aged eight: Shelly, aged six; Mark, aged four; and John, aged 2, were upstairs with Tracy Sproates, aged 13, their beby-

The couple, helped by neigh-bours, tried to rescue them but were besten back by flames and smoke. Firemen found the children's bodies on and around Station officer Alan Cartledge said the house was reduced to

said the house was reduced to a shell. The staircase had gone, which was why the children were unable to get downstairs, he said. "You never get used to sights such as this", he added. "It is the worst fire involving children I have ever had to cope with."

He said there was no quet-

next-door neighbour, tried to get into the house but was also beaten back. "There was no way you could have survived in that house", he said. "If you did not burn, the smoke would have killed you."

'Mrs Freda Scroates, the beby-

sitter's mother, said: "I heard a noise and thought there was round the corner and saw Sandra on the ground, and she said she had got told of two of the bairns but she had had to get out of the window." Mr Cartledge said lest night:
"Investigations are still going
on. There were some clothes
near the fire and it is possible
they could have caused the

He said there was no ques-tion of crime. "It was probably it could have been caused by just a tragic accident."

### **Budget cut of** £1.5m by the Spastics Society

By Our Social Services.

Inflation, higher VAT and the effect on its covenanted income of reduced income tax have forced the Spastics Society to cut its budget by £1,500,000. The cuts will mean a reduction in staff and office accommodation and fewer personal services to people handicapped by cerebral palsy.

Employment services will be particularly badly affected. The society proposes to end its research into employment for the severely handicapped and to close down its aids develop-ment service and the resources communications department, which provides training services.

The society also plans to close a school for handicapped children, Irron Hall, in Holmbrook, Cumbris, and to reduce spending on holidays and recreation for disabled people, as well as cutting advertising and ending any further development programmes. ment programmes. Hard years ahead: Mr James

Loring the society's director, said: "The cuts are a sensible move to prepare ourselves for what everyone realizes will be very hard years shead " (the Press Association reports).
"Spastic people cared for by us are among the most severely disabled in the country, Many. of them cannot move more than one toe or one finger. They need all the help and care they

can get.
"We now appeal to a generous public to help us out of our troubles by sending in dona-tions. A further way of helping the society and all other charities would be for the Government to allow charitable donations to be deductible for

### Stansted can be staffed 'without more concrete jungles' draw on the labour supply in authorities required it, he said. lines oil prospects. Larger and the East End of London. Mr Payne's idea is unlikely to more fuel-efficent aircraft quall the growing protests from operated with greater fuel

Prisoner on parole killed

the Government to take the overflow of passengers when the row and Gatwick become full. can be adequately staffed without creating more new towns or concrete jungles in Essex, Mr Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Authority, said yesterday. Giving the Brancker memor-

ial lecture to the Chartered Institute of Transport, he suggested that when an airport was in an area with high levels of "out-commuting", expansion
of local jobs could tap that
source without adverse effects
on the locality.

Expansion of Stansted would

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As Stansted developed, the
authority's policy would be to
acquire sufficient land to prowide containment of all airport
activities if the local planning

concern about the establishment of airport-related firms outside airport boundaries in areas which conflicted with local planning authorities' development plans. A notable example had been the increase of hotels on the Bath road at Heathrow.

The authoritiy was aware of the need to contain airport activities within an airport's boundary. At Gatwick it had ensured that land was available within the airport perimeter to meet future car-parking needs.

environmental and amenity groups around Stansted over plans to expand the airport to handle 15 million passengers a year in this decade and possibly 50 million in the future. The protest groups are raising funds for them to be repre-

sented at a planning inquiry into the expansion plans. The size of aircraft, with larger groups of passengers, would have the greatest effect

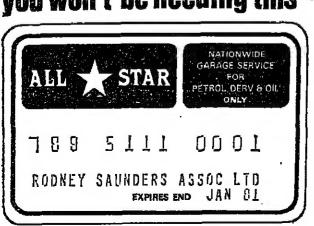
on airports in the next decade, Mr Payne said. Larger Boeing 747s carrying more than 600 passengers would operate on the dense routes. activities if the local planning thously optimistic about the air-

economy and higher, loads would enable them to protect fares from the full blast of rising fuel prices. Newcastle development: The Government is to lend £5,137,000 for extensions to

Newcastle upon Type airport, the North-East Regional Airport Committee announced yesterday (our Newcastle Correspondent reports). The terminal extension will

enable it to handle up to two million passengers a year, the forecast for 1990, against 900,000 now. Work will start in May and should be completed in two





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The independent contractors who must find £70m to finance the launching of the fourth television channel in the autumn of 1982 gave a warning yester-day that the new service should not be "railroaded through" to the detriment of the system as

of the state of the industry's

in revenue might make it neces-sary to adjust the scale and nature of the Service 2 opera-tion. Granada Television, said a fall

tives from the componies were giving their first response to the fourth channel proposals in the Broadcasting Bill, published last week. The critical date would be the beginning of 1982, when the companies' subscriptions for the channel were due. The conference was told that

would probably be in the same form as at present, and no programme sponsorship would be permitted. The companies agreed that there should be, in the Bill's words, "a proper balance of subject matter between the two channels".

Regional report

The Conservative Party man-

ifesto for Wales was unequivo-

tal. It states in part: "There

is a widespread desire in

Wales shared by English and

Welsh speakers to use the fourth television channel for

separate Welsh language

to see Welsh broadcasting

starting on the fourth channel

But in a speech at Cambridge September, Mr William

Whitelaw, Home Secretary, con-

tradicted that commitment by

saying the Government was

now convinced that the fastest,

most efficient and most eco-nomical way to increase Welsh

broadcasting was to divide out-

put between the stations. There are some who find the rage engendered by the deci-

as quickly as possible.

Tim Jones

The companies welcomed the ruling out by the Home Secretary of the competitive selling of advertising; they believed that only with a single selling source could revenue from both channels be best used without damage to the quality of the service. Sir Denis said: "There has

"The Independent Broadcast-Ing Authority would not let us do it and there is a liaison group which would see fair play

From Our Correspondent Reading Probation officers thought Probation officers thought they had found a good home for John Hirst, a paroled prisoner, a court heard at Reading yesterday. But just over a week after moving in he killed his landlady with an axe because she "nagged" him. Mr Hirst, aged 29, was sent to prison for life. Mr Justice Purchas told him: "The evi-

dence shows you have neither

his landlady with axe reason of diminished responsi-bility was accepted.

Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC for the prosecution, said Mr Hirst was released last May, having served 12 months of a two-year sentence for burplary.

sentence for burglary.

A hostel proved not very acceptable and he was found lodgings with Mrs Burton at Normoor Road, Burghfield Common, Berkshire, on June 12. On June 23 he hir her on the head, perhaps seven times, with

dence are an arrogant and dangerous person with a severe personality defect.

Mr Hirst, a labourer, of no fixed address, had denied murdaring Mrs Bronia Burton.

Mrs Burton's house."

He quoted from Mr Hirst's statement: "Things were getting unbearable with her naging."

### pays damages to shoe firm The Home Office is to pay undisclosed libel damages and costs to Edwards and Holmes of

Norwich, shoe manufacturers, a High Court judge in London was told yesterday.

The company had complained that a Home Office pamphlet in March, 1977, had included a photograph of its trade-marked shoes with an article about

employee dishonesty.

Mr John Camp, counsel for
the company, said someone
looking at the photograph could wrongly conclude that the article referred to Edwards and Holmes, who did not have the difficulties mentioned Mr Simon Brown, counsel for the Home Offfice, said they wished to make it clear that the article, headed The Shocs

That Walked did not and was not intended to refer to the company or its employees. Mr Justice Phillips gave leave for the record of the action to be windrawn.

### Bus drivers get punch shields

Some hus drivers in Nottingham are to have tough plastic shields fixed around their driving seats to protect them from the punches of drunken passengers.

ment agreed yesterday to instal the shields on two buses to test

### Army horse show off The Army's annual horse

show at Aldershot, which has attracted top riders including Princess Anne, has been cancelled this year and is unlikely to be staged again. Lack of sup-

### Retired boxer fined

Home Office

Are you using garage accounts, which incur surcharges or deposits to keep your vehicles fueled? Why not have one account

# Plea not to rush fourth TV channel

"What we say is, please be careful not to damage the sys-tem financially to the extent costs position."

Sir Den's Forman. chairman of the Service 2 policy working party of the Independent Television Companies Association (ITCA), said at a press conference: "No starting date should be adhered to regardless of the starting that the starting that the starting starting that the starting starting that the starting starting

economy."
Sir Denis, who is chairman of

largely ignored by the national media, 20 people, including

university academics, students

and businessmen, were fined a total of £1,080 by the Aberystwyth magistrates for switching off programmes and damaging property at the Blaen Plwyf

television transmitting station.

They joined the ranks of

hundreds of people who have been fined or imprisoned dur-

ing the 12-year campaign con-

ducted by the Welsh Language

Society to have a Welsh lan-guage television channel for

For them, the recently pub-lished broadcasting Bill, which ensures that Welsh pro-

ensures that Welsh pro-grammes will be divided be-tween BBC and ITV, was a final betrayal of succession

final betrayal of successive promises to establish such a station in Wales.

Its publication guarantees many more acts of damage to

television equipment, and was described by the society as "a

recipe for social conflict."

According to the society, the channel decision was the first major election pledge to be broken by the Government.

the principality.

that it would find it hard to recover; watch the revenue and Sir Denis and fellow execu-

been a lot of aggravation between the advertising community and the television community about competitive selling. We do recognize a genuine fear that the force of Channel 1 could be used compulsively to take space on Channel 2.

there were abuses allowing the power of 1 to increase the revenue of 2"

Broadcasting Bill seen as betrayal of Welsh aims the broadcasting Bill will in- Led by Mr Gwynfor Evans, the crease the amount of Welsh party's president, and the two crease the amount of Weish party's president, and the two language programmes to 20 Weish Nationalist MPs, more than 800 people have pledged themselves to break the law in 1953; 10 years later, only four hours, were transmitted

each week; now there are 14 hours in Welsh a week. Essential to the controversy is the knowledge that the language is fighting what is seen as its last great battle for survival. Although 250,000 claim to speak it, the number who are thoroughly fluent is probably much smaller, and some estimates indicate that each wack more than 100 speakers

broadcasting...we are anxious are lost, Welsh language campaigners claim that television, beaming into homes the instant delight of Starsky and Hutch, has done more to kill the language than historical and emotive acts of repression such as the Welsh "Not", the wooden Welsh "Not", the wooden board which children caught speaking the language were made to wear.

The decision has also incensed Plaid Cymru who have There are some who find the organized a campaign to per-rage engendered by the deci-sion hard to understand, for their television licence fees.

and are paying their money instead to a fighting fund. Mr Evans said: "Television, as the Government knows, is the medium which is doing

injury to the language. The Home Secretary has auto-cratically revoked this decision without consulting the Welsh people or Parliament. A big viewing public could be built up for a regular service on the fourth channel. Few are likely fourth channel. Few are likely advertisers, and prospective to see programmes which are clients willing to sell their removed from the two main wares to a minority market are channels and are scattered at rare indeed. As things stand, all hours on the two minority the administration will have channels."
Mr Evans expects, and prob-

ably hopes, to be prosecuted; indicated that it does not have the protesters have learnt that publicity is essential to their campaign. The protesters are not a des-

trouble in meeting even its revised pledge for the BBC has the money to increase its

Welsh language output.
In a situation where emotion overtides economic reality the perate minority, for the Labour Party Wales has been it made its promise to the quick to condemn the decision principality. There is no shortas a "Tory U-turn which will be seen by future generations they will use the decision as an acr of tragic folly". Justification for breaking the Labour leaders in Walcs who law.

vatives are stung by these alle-

gations and point out that the

ideal had to be sacrificed in the face of reality. A fourth ITV Welsh language channel

would have to be financed by

wanted the fourth channel operated by an open broadcasting authority state: "The Government's broadcasting Bill, with its proposals for the fourth television channel, continues the Tories' sorry tale of broken pledges, sell-outs to vested interests and criminal waste of unique opportunity".
Not surprisingly, the Conser-

> The city's transport departpublic reaction.

> Chris Finnegan, aged 35, the retired boxer, was fined 15 at West London Court yesterday after he admitted being drunk at a public house in Shepherd's Bush on Saturday.

# WEST EUROPE

# M Barre forecasts a slowing down in economic activity

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 11

Paris, Feb 11

M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, said in a broadcast today that he did not believe there would be a recession in industrialized countries this year, but he did not exclude a slight slowing down of economic activity in relation to 1979. France must make efforts to contain its rate of inflation under 10 per cent, he added, but it would not be easy. He insisted once again, as he

He insisted once again, as he often has in the past, that a rise in the price index did not necessarily mean inflation, when, for instance, it was caused by a rise in the cost of

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caused by a rise in the cost of energy.

The evolution of oil prices did not depend so much on the oil producers. "It also depends on our capacity to economize energy, to develop new sources of energy, and to stabilize our currencies so that oil producers can be paid in currencies which do not lose their value."

France had long ago undertaken a policy of diversifying its sources of oil supplies. Although its main suppliers were Saudi Arabia and Iraq, which had always behaved very correctly towards France, it also bought oil from other countries outside the Middle East. But the main guarantee of French energy supplies was the development of the French nuclear programme. nuclear programme.

As for energy saving, he went on, France led the way for other countries. During his recent visit to New York where he delivered two lectures on economics to private institutions, great interest had been shown by American business-men and other personalities in the French energy saving pro-

M Barre admitted that the recycling of the additional \$110,000m (42,820m) oil pro-ducing countries would earn through the latest price in-creases could no longer be handled, as it had been hitherto, by private banking institu-

a way as to avoid a flood of dollars on the markets, which could undermine the American currency and upset the exchanges.

M Barre thought the rush on gold was quite normal in a period of international political instability and monetary uncertainty. The remedy was a return to stability in each of the countries of the West and in international monetary relations.

He had told the Foreign Policy Association that the view that gold could be ex-cluded from international monetary relations was "purely illusory". He was not in favour of a return to the gold standard. But gold would have to play a part in these relations as a reserve instrument.

"It must be possible to exchange it between central banks, at the market price; and the central banks must not consider that the most intelligent attitude to adopt is to sell gold on the markets."

He added: "We have enough trouble with the dollar and sterling not to add to the problems which we have to

Furning to foreign trade, M Barre said there was no reason why if France produced goods quality at competitive prices, e country should not maintain its share of overseas markets and even increase it, even though international demand slowed down. France had done so in the past three years.

He had always said that purchasing power could be upheld in the country. This has been done since 1976, and he was not convinced by the statistics produced to demonstrate that it had fallen in 1979.

The maintaining of purchasing power was linked to the productivity of the French economy, and especially to the efforts French firms made in management and in adapting to the domestic and foreign markets. If this effort was ons. made, purchasing power could The international community be upheld.



Judgment day: Filing into the courtroom in Cologne to hear the widict are Herr Lischka (seated, head in hand), Herr Hagen (centre) and Herr Heinrichsohn (right). All were found guity of deporting 73,000 French Jews to Auschwitz.

# Prison terms for former Gestapo officials

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Feb. 11

Three former members of the Gestapo in German-occupied Paris were today given prison sentences of six to 12 years for deporting thousands of French Jews to their deaths in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

The Cologne court, bowever, rejected a demand by the public prosecutor that they be arrested free pending their appeal.

a former Gestapo deputy chief in Paris, was sentenced to 10 years' jail and Herr Herbert Hagen, 66, former personal assistant to the SS and police chief in France, got 12 years. Herr Ernst Heinrichsohn, 59, a lesser official in the SS Jewish department in Paris, was sentenced to six years.

and they are expected to remain Herr Kurt Lischka, aged 70,

from the Christian Social party.
All three were found guilty
of aiding and abetting the
murder of many of the 73,000
French Jews who were deported under the wartime occupation, Dr Heinz Fassbender, president of the court, rejected the defendants' claim that they had

Bavarian town of Bürgstadt and

no idea the Jews were going to their deaths. They said they thought they were going to work camps or to found a new Jewish state.

Dr Fassbender said that, although the three were not the leading figures in the Jewish

extermination programme, it would have been "more than strange" if they had not been fully aware of what was going to happen to the Jews. All three had expected at least the possibility that the Jews would be billed.

War, cloud one of the less glorious clipters in the history of retributes for Nazi crimi-

It is doubted if the trial could have taken bace without the efforts of Freich Jews, particularly Maitre Sirge Klarsfeld, a Paris lawyer wose father died in Auschwitz.

Their pressure—including a slap in the factor the their ner chancellor. Dr Kut Kiesinger, from Me Klarsfell's wife Beare, and an attempt by he couple to kidnap Herr Lischa—spurred the West German athorities to change the laws which prevented them from being brought to justice.

Groups of French was have been in court throughout the trial and recently demissirated ourside to demand jus tenced to six years.

be killed.

Me Klarsfeld, who
Herr Heinrichsohn immediThe verdict, 37 years after sented many of them
ately resigned as Mayor of the the end of the Second World trial, said recently thi

sentences of 12 years demanded by the public prosecutor would be adequate since, in men as old as Herr Lischka and Herr Hagen, they amounted to life sentences.

Cologne, Feb 11.—Dr Fass-bender said the panel of three judges and two members of the public considered Herr Hagen to be the main culprit because he had served longest in France and, as a Nazi intellectual, had influenced the youn-ger generation of Germans.

Herr Heinrichsohn was de-scribed by French witnesses as particularly brutal and sadistic in his treatment of children.

All three defendants pursued successful careers in postwar West Germany. Herr Lischka, now retired, became director of an export-import firm; Herr Hagen was a business manager; Herr Heinrichsohn a lawyer.—

# **Communist injects** new spirit into Rome

From Peter Nichols Rome, Feb 11 Nobody living in the centre of Rome can have failed to notice Rome can have failed to motice that in the last few weeks it has become more difficult to leave home in the morning because of the number of people, including women, who are cleaning the streets. And it is more difficult to return because of the police checking permits for driving in the historic streets. Both are ideas of Rome's first Communist Mayor, Signor Luigi Petroselli. The Mayor is from the provincial nown of Viterbo to the morth of Rome. Short and squarely built, he was practically born a communist in the sense that his father, a leftwing printing worker, set him an example of active agitation. In November, 1951 the young Petroseli was sent to Bomarzo as an improvized reporter for as an improvized reporter for the party's newspaper L'Unité to write about the occupation of the land by the peasants. He did so, wrote about their protests and was sent to prison for 40 days on charges of incite-

ment to commit crime.

That made an activist of him and sent him seriously on the course which has made him the first citizen of the city which has Pope John Paul II as its

bishop He has an extraordinary air of tranquility. He explains this in two ways—and it needs ex-plaining because administering Rome must be one of Europe's

Rome must be one or nurope's most trying tasks.

The left-wing parties have brought a style of administration which is new to Rome and free, he says, from the complications of the old client-system

which was the way Rome's long series of Christian Democrat mayors used to govern. He does not claim particular personal credit for this. He feels that to be a virtue which beloogs to the party. Secondly, even if the Communists should be voted out of office in the next elections due in about 18 moneis, he says, something substantial will remain. The old ways cannot come back.

He sees housing as the capital's first problem. He plans to have the last of the shanty-towns around the city removed by March 21, the day on which spring arrives. By then the administration plans to have 3,200 homes ready.

It is also taking precautions

It is also taking precautions to avoid the mistakes of the past when the poor were given homes but went back to shanty towns after selling their houses or letting them to pro-vide an income. This time the vide an income. This time the administration is destroying the shanties and turning the bare spaces into public gardens. Traffic and reform of the rubbish removal arrangements are issues he has chosen to tackle because they show his determination to have the law, and the city itself, respected at a hazic level and so help over

basic level and so help over-come the traditional belief that nothing can be done to make Rome a better administered.

city. He clearly respects the Pops but keeps a severe eye on so expansive and masterful character whose nature and personality give him, so the Mayor thinks, a tendency to regard-himself as the city's king as well as its bishop.

### Bardot win for baboons

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 11

Mile Brigitte Bardot, the champion of all animals' welfare, particularly of seal pups, bes won her bettle against the use of pigs and baboons in testing the effects of road accidents on car passengers.

M Joël Le Theule, the Minister of Transport, decided to suspend the tests provision.

to suspend the tests provisionally, in agreement with Presiments since 1971 dent Giscard d'Estaing. Photo-graphs published in a news the experiments.

magazine of animals strapped to the seat of vehicles in simulated collisions at high speed caused indignation among French animal lovers, especially

Mile Bardot.
The Minister made his decision after a surprise visit to the laboratory of the Organization for Road Safety, at Bron, near Lyons, where 32 baboons and 26 pigs have been used in experiments since 1971

He has called for a report on

# five over baby deaths

Pontoise, France, Feb 11.— Five people were given suspended prison sentences roday in connexion with the deaths seven years ago of 33 babies who were dusted with a poisoned talcum

have contained excessive quanti-ties of the chemical bezachlorophene, added in error and since uned in hygiene products in

The suspended sentences passed on officials of the companies which prod the powder ranged from one to 20 months imprisonment. One man was acquitted.

The court ordered the five to pay a total of 2m francs (£228,000) in damages to the parents of the dead babies, as well as to those of 45 other infants who suffered severe physical damage.
The manufacturers of the

hexachlorophene additive have already paid 7m francs in dam-ages to families affected by the powder.-Reuter.

### Strike by air controllers hits Portugal From Our Correspondent

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Lisbon, Feb 11 The first stage of a threatened 98-hour strike by control tower staff at Lisbon's Portela Airport paralysed traffic from midnight. It ends at midnight tomorrow. The next stage starts at midnight on Thursday and is due to last until midnight on Friday, involving all of Portugal's nine airports.

Only emergency flights were allowed and the only regular air services expected were those between the Portuguese mainland and Madeira and the Azores, More than 1,000 flights, involving Portuguese and other airlines, have been cancelled. The strike is in support of better pay and working conditions as well as improved security measures at the airport which have a low rating by pilots at present.

### Bucharest links

level joint commission to handle all trade problems between

The Government has sharply called to order leading manufac-turers and distributors of house-

hold appliances for setting up

illicit price rings and restraints Mr René Monory, the Minister for Economic Affairs, acting

on the recommendations of the Commission for Competition,

has decided to impose fines ranging from 1m to 2.5m francs (£111,000 to £277,000) on a number of them, including Darty—one of the higgest and

most dynamic distributors— Arthur Martin, Philips, Lincoln,

Although the fines are lower

than those suggested by the

commission, they are the heaviest imposed since it came into existence in July, 1977.

Schneider and Thomson.

# Sentence on | Defence officials face bribes charges

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 11

Six officials of the French Ministry of Defence and the Paris Transport Board, accused of involvement in a case of large-scale corruption by an in-dustrial firm in Lorraine, appeared before an examining magistrate today at Bar-le-Duc. They have been charged with accepting bribes, amounting to more than £10,000 in the case

of the main defendant, a senior official in the Air Force section at the Defence Ministry. Waragainst a number of other people.

The case follows the fraudulent bankruptcy in November, 1978, of the construction firm of Rouméas and Co, of Ligny-en-Barrois, which employed 250 workers. An investigation by the financial and economic squad of the Special Branch uncovered a number of irregularities in the firm's accounts and the existence of a secret

where it was thought to be a profitable enterprise.

The firm's bankruptcy and its judicial liquidation surprised the inhabitants of the district

Britain's hopes of obtaining a speedy reduction in its large net contribution to the EEC budget

French raise oil issue at

EEC budget discussion

port, and was involved in the extension of Nice airport. It also worked on several other airports, and built sheds for the Paris Express Metro trains.

The preliminary investigation disclosed a gap of 30m francs (£3,2m) in the 1977 accounts and misappropriation of com-pany property totalling 4m

In November, 1979, M Roland Roumeas, the general director and a member of the Regional Council of Lorraine, and M Claude Rouméas, the company's charged with embezzlement and fraudulent bankruptcy and sent to prison, together with the

head of the estimates division. The investigators were assisted by a former employee of the firm, who had had a dis-pute with the Roumess brothers and gave a file on them to the police.

It is alleged that the brothers ripped off by officials the tenders submitted about by their competitors, so that they could put in lower bids. In return for these services, the prosecution says, the officials received various gifts profitable enterprise.

It won the contract for building the freight terminal at Roissy (Charles de Gaulle) air.

contribution made by oil to the British budget would more than double compared with last year. Discussion of the budget

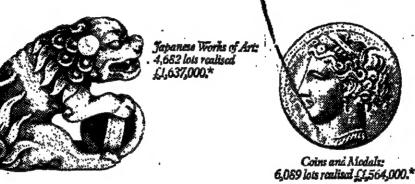
issue took a mere quarter of an hour of today's meeting, Sir

Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, having pre-sented Britain's case before M

Although no other country took the floor, there appeared

to be considerable sympathy among other national delega

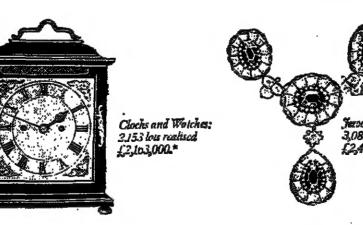
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# contribution to the EEC budget appeared to have suffered a setback here today, when France adopted a hard-line entitude and argued that the problem was no longer pressing. M René Monory, the French Economics Ménister, told a meeting of EEC Economics and finance ministers that oil price increases since the last EEC summir in Dublin at the end of November had improved Britions for the French position. Speaking afterwards, Sir Geoffrev said he was a "little startled" that the French November had improved Brishould have raised the oil issue. He said that North Sea oil added only 2 ptr cent to Britain's GNP in 1979, which was less than the growth of the

From Peter Norman Brussels, Feb 11

Brussels, Feb 11.—The European Community and Romania have agreed to set up a high-level joint commission to handle

November had improved Britain's economic position

He claimed that while France faced an oil bill of 100,000m francs (£10.7m) this year, Britoin's beliance of payments had moved into surplus. The rise in the value of sterling by 8 per cent since Dublin meant that there was now less of a gap between Britain's nominal gross national product and the Community average, while the

West German and French economies in that year and made no difference to the fact that Britain still had the third lowest GNP in the European

Monory spoke.

exposed the new marketing device called "contract of confidence" hetween the distributor and the client, which consisted in rewarding those who could produce proof that they had found the same appliance cheaper elsewhere. Many did.

As a result. Darty informed

Philips claims that the French

Heavy fines on price ring firms The activities of the commis-From Our Own Correspondent sion have been markedly step-ped up since the summer of 1978, when, after the parliamen-Paris, Feb 11

rary election, the Government announced the liberalization first of industrial prices, and later of retail prices, thus going back on more than 30 years of price controls, which had never been really effective. But the counterpart of this new freedom was the encouragement of competition and the prosecution of all forms of restricts in and traints in trade.
Since its creation, the commission has investigated a num-ber of breaches of free compe-

tition, and the minister has The action taken against manufacturers and distributors of household appliances was prompted by a report of the commission last November. It

cheaper elsewhere. Many did.

As a result, Darty informed manufacturers of these appliances that many retailers were cutting prices, and selling below its own. The manufacturers in turn brought pressure to bear on retailers to raise their prices.

The firm of Darty has reacted strongly. It claims it is a victim of its notoriety and success. It of its notoriety and success. It has, it says, never made any agreements with manufacturers or other distributors to peg

anti-rust legislation, which dates from 1945, is no longer adapted to the EEC.

Washington. Feb 11

has recorded his second win in this year's Presidential race, Senator Edward Kennedy, his sidential retreat in the hills of main rival for the Democratic nomination, has emerged as a

in Maine showed a narrow vic-tory for the President, a hois-terous Senator Kennedy told his supporters that his strong second-place finish made him "confident" that he would do well in future contests in New Hampshire and all the other

Four days ago we were 19 (percentage) points behind President Carter, Mr Kennedy said in a reference to a public coinion poll published in a Maine newspaper last week, "and tonight we are in a dead hear with him."

This analysis of the results

This analysis of the results as they then stood was somewhat misleading since it was already apparent that President Curter would be the front-runner, albeir by a narrow.

defeat in lowa last month when he was defeated by Mr Carter, hy a two to one margin, Mr Kennedy had good reason to ficel gratified by yesterday's

ourcome.

With 86 per cent of the resu'ts declared, the President secured 45.7 per cent and Mr Kennedy 39.6 per cent of the votes counted. Mr Jerry Brown, the Governor of California, who was making his first serious run of the year, was rewarded with a surprisingly strong third-place finish, gaining 13.3 per cent of the total.

Senator Kennedy's supporters

Senator Kennedy's supporters were equally ebuildent about the results. Mr Joseph Brennan, the Governor of Maine and the senator's main backer in that state, described the outcome as a "great victory" for Mr Kennedy because the President had failed to win a majority of the total vote.

had failed to win a majority of the total vote.

The Senator's press secretary said he was "delighted, just delighted"—a feeling which was undanbtedly reinforced when an orbition poll in today's Roston Globe showed that Mr Kenner's was lending the President 62 to 29 per cent in Massachusetts, the Senator's home state which will hold its primary on March 4.

Not to be outdone by the

Not to be outdone by the enthusiasm in the Kennedy camp, supporters of the President made great play of the fact that Mr Carter had beaten

Powell, The President's press

Although President Carter Robert Strauss, described the :Maryland, Mr Carter issued a much stronger challenger than had earlier seemed likely.

On his return to Washington ast night, when the first returns from vesterday's town caucuses

Statesmannike message congrature lating both Senator Kennedy and Mr. Brown for their "strong well-organized." campaigns. "I am grateful to the Democrats of Maine for this welcome vote of statesmanlike message congratu-

support", he said.
For his part, Mr Brown said he detected growing public in-terest in the issues he has been emphasizing like opposition to nuclear energy and conscription. "Both Carter and Kennedy dropped and my campaign gathered strength," he told reporters.

Mr Carter's supporters concede that Senator Kennedy's apparent comeback may be partly due to his strong attacks on the President's plans for a resumption of registration for military conscription. They believe this may have helped the senator's campaign by providing more student volunteers to canvass in Maine, as well by attracting more young more senators. attracting more young voters to

attracting more young voters to take part in the caucuses.

Certainly the turn-out in the taucuses was five times higher than during the 1976 presidential election when only 6,800 Democrats voted. Nevertheless, the more than 30,000 people who cast their ballots yesterday represented only a tiny proportion of the 242,000 registered Democrats in the state.

Mr Kennedy explained his strong showing by pointing to the President's continuing reluctance to exchange the com-

luctance to exchange the com-forts of the White House for the travails of the campaign trail. "The majority of the members of the Democratic Party want the President out of he White House to debate," he

"What I saw in the state of Maine were parents that were deeply concerned about whether their children were goin to be sent overseas to the Persian Gulf and they want to hear a debate on the issues of war and peace", he added.

Notwithstanding such criticism, however, the President's campaign organizers have

cism, however, the President's campaign organizers have already made it clear that Mr Carter does not intend to indulge in any overt politicking until the 50 hostages are released from the American Embassy in Tehran. "I cannot imagine the President would even consider a campaign policy as long as the hostages are held", Mr Powell told reporters.

The three contenders for the Democratic nomination are first that Mr Carter had beaten Mr Kennedy in the latter's native New England.

"If he (Mr ennedy) can't win here, where he has an unlimited ability to put in resources and neople and he has the field to himself, with the President locked in the White House, then where can he win?" Mr Iody

"If we Hampshire, where this year's first primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even tougher race than in Iowa and Maine with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy, who will now be expected to following their attention to New Hampshire, where this year's first primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy, who will now be expected to following their attention to New Hampshire, where this year's first primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy, who will now be expected to following the first primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy, who will now be expected to following the primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy who will now be expected to following the primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy who will now be expected to following the primary is due to be held on February 26. All of them are predicting an even with the ressure once again on Senator Kennedy who will now be expected to follow the predicting and the now turning their attention to becked in the White House, then up with a performance as good where can be win?" Mr Jody if not better than yesterday's. Leading article, page 13

### FBI men in bribes inquiry posed as insurance agents

New York, Feb 11

Last week's disclosure of the Abscam' inquiry into official man for the FBL In the discorruption by the Federal Gureau of Investigation has provoked a flood of new reports people in the Immigration behave comparable investigation. The final transcript portrays new cases came to light.

The most senior politician involved is Mr Edwin Edwards, the Governor of Louisiana, He has received a subpoena to appear before a grand jury in New Orleans investigating awarding of state insurance

FBI men, who nosed as Arab shrikhs in the Abserm investigation, this time impersonated insurance agents. It is alleged that they offered large sums of money to state officials, some of whom accepted.
Mr Edwards had no comment

on the accusation but Mr James FitzMorris, the Lieutenant Governor, who has also been subposensed, denied that he had ever accepted money for policical favours.

A second case concerns alleged bribery of immigration officials in New York in return for the issue of "green cards" which allow foreigners to settle in the United States. The New York Daily News today pub-lished more than two pages of what it claims are transcripts of bugged conversations be- were investigating.

12 injured but

attack misfires

From Our Correspondent

A terrorist bomb made of

Israeli army grenades went off

at a bus station in Petah Tikyah early today injuring 12 people.

A militery source said greater damage was averted because the bomb had been ineptly

Four grenades were used and

these were apparently to have

detonated a block of explosives

but one of the grenades and the explosives failed to go off. Witnesses said 20 people left

the area by bus shortly before the blast.

detained 50 Arabs for question-

ing. They said it was the fourth bomb laid in the area in

A noem quoted by Michael Binyon

in a report from Moscow on February 5 was taken from the Sovier

Police set up roadblocks and

terrorist

Tel Aviv. Feb 11

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tween an immigration agent

representing Staten Island, whose name had already cropped up in the Abscam inquiry.

use his influence to arrange a merger between a shipping company and the Puerto Rican Maritime Authority, if he received a share of the new company in return Company in return.
This seemingly unstaunchable

outpouring of allegations provoked a thoughtful editorial today in the Washington Post. It makes the point that "the whole ambience of Congress rests on a system of trades and transactions that if transactions that, if not down-right corrupt, are at best morally ambiguous."

The leader goes on to ques-tion whether the undercover methods used by the FEI were not as corrupt as the acts they

### Poles hear warning of austerity period

From Dessa Trevisan

speech to the party congress which opened today, had a moral right to warn others against that danger, and he left no doubt of the deep anxiety felt here felt here.
Like other members of the

Like other members of the Warsaw Pact, Poland sees the beginning of that development in Nato's decision to deploy new missiles in Western Europe, the implication being that the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was the follow-up to it.

Mr Gierek said that Nato's decision had opened up a new and dangerous stage of the arms race, heightened by the fact that West Germany agreed to the deployment.

fact that West Germany agreed to the deployment.

Poland had welcomed with hope the signing of Salt, the strategic arms limitation treaty, and was therefore deeply disturbed by the decision in the United States to delay ratification.

Mr Gierek assured the Soviet

Poland is obviously worried by the prospect of prolonged coolness in East-West relations, and the Poles have a vested interest in détente. It enabled Mr Gierek to Mr Gierek to pursue more dis-tinct Polish policies and he realizes that any deterioration in these relations reduces the scope of activity of small and medium members of both

Much of Mr Gierek's speech was concerned with a review of Polish performance in the past decade since he came to power on the wave of national discontent with the politices of his predecessor Mr Wladyslaw. Gomulka, brought to a head by the Raltic riots

Incomes were unevenly in-creased without the money being really earned. With susterity now shead, the party more evenly shared.

the young caused by social diff fine young caused by social dif-forences and the gap between the lowest and highest waged the ratio being one to 11. For credibility of the pity diminished considerably a result.
Mr Gierek said that the root-

tes become increasingly dependent on imports of grain. Whereas until 1970 it was importing up to 2,500,000 tons a now imports almost nine million tons of grain, and will have to import as much

# newspaper. alleges that associates of Mr Murphy offered to

Deihi, Feb 11.—A Delhi court today ordered the trial of Sanjay Gandhi, son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, he Indian Prime Minister, on charges of conspiring in the demolihent of houses and shops four years ago.

The court overriled a plea by Mr Gandhi's lawyers that the trial be abandoned because the charges were filled three years.

charges were filed three years after the incident.

Mr Gandhi and two others, accused of demolishing houses and shops along a road outside Delhi, were remanded on bail

Mr Gandhi now an MP faces about a dozen other charges,



Warsaw, Feb 11

Mr Edward Gierek, the Polish party leader, today warned the nation of five years of austerity ahead, and the world of dangerous repercussions if the present international tension was to

: Poland, he said in a four-hour

Mr Gierek assured the Soviet Union of Poland's "unfailing link and ideological and political unity" with the Warsaw Pact, which resulted from the most vital interests of the Polish nation.

compiles brought to a head by the Baltic riots.

In the early 1970s Mr Gierek embarked on large-scale unodernization and Poland achieved one of the highest growth rates in Europe. But hoge investment amassed hoge foreign debts.

The Gromyko wants Indian becking for Soviet line fourth important round of the highest growth rates in Europe. But hoge investment amassed hoge foreign debts. feels that the sacrifices must be

ing out of privilege and cor-ruption, which were harming the good name of the party, was imperative. We need a social atmosphere where there will be eneral dapproval of favouritism, conjuntion and profiteering." The conduit of some individuals, cast a dark

shadow on the party.

Obviously, in order to prepare for the difficult period ahead, Mr Gierek has to act against the privilers to the privilers. the privileges which have be-come widespread at the middle ranks of party officials.

The most seriousp roblem re-mains agriculture. From a tradi-tional expanter of food, Poland

of 3.000 rupees (£170) until March 31.

### Lebanon gun battle may hasten Israeli intervention

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 11

tinian extremists seen in south Lebanon for many months. According to Israel radio, four Lebanese civilians were killed in the exchanges, including a 12-year old girl from the small Christian village of Dir Mimas. She died after being taken by helicopter to hospital

in Haifa The radio said that at one point Palestinian gunners in the former Crusadar strongbold of Beaufort Castle, shelled ambulances attempting to recover the dead and wounded. On another occasion the fighting spread to the coastal region when Christian artillery began to shell the port of Tyre.

Mezachem Begin, the Israeli From Christopher Walker

Jerusalem, Feb 11

The possibility of a renewal of direct Israeli intervention in Lebanon increased today after one of the most intense artillery

Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, promised military support for the Christian community in both north and south Lebanon in the event of attack. It follows a street will a street will be a street wil battles between right-wing build up of tension in the re-Christian militias and Pales gion which began last month with the so far unexplained reports of widespread Syrian troop redeployment inside

Soon after the shelling died down ar lunchtime, Major Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militias in the south made an emotional plea for Mr Begin to stand by his recent pledge of support for the Christian minority.

Earlier. Israeli security sources in Jerusalem claimed

that Palestinian forces inside the part of Lebanon now under United Nations supervision had ther occasion the fighting pread to the coastal region increased the number of their vien Christian artillery began of shell the port of Tyre.

Today's bombardment came casefire was organized in coastal region active personnel from 500 to Soviet Union last month was about 2.800, compared with about 4.000 monthly in the final case of the casefire was organized in coastal region. less than a week after Mr August. quarter last year.

### Three party offices and sormed party offices and sormed dozen officials to leave at appaint, police said. The judges buried several bombs lide the building and house observations. A policemen injured when hung obster outside saying : "The side Party is the dehundreds of poor took to the streets in support of the mili-

eftist groups were responsible

In Ankara, Mr Suleiman Demirel, the Prime Minister, called the rioters "bandits" and said that those who "aim to turn Turkey into another Kores, Afghanistan or Cuba will suffer."

The Aegean port of Izmer, the only Turkish city free of mer-ticl law, flickered with sporadic violence after the mass riots

which erupted throughout its

Bombs last

Izmir, Tuy, Feb 11.—
Armed lefric litrants bombed the headquars of the ruling Justice Par today and held running at skirmishes with police her asked militants.

Izmir

scow, Feb 11
Mr Andrei Gromyko, the
viet Foreign minister, flew
India today to begin an im-There were privileges en by a senior Soviet Polithuro joyed by the vast bureaucracy, mebber since Mrs Indira and discontent especially among Gandhi became Prime Minister. ortant official visit, the first Mr Gromyko's visit, announced on the eve of Lord
Carrington's arrival from
Pakistan last month, was postponed two weeks because, it
was said in Delhi, of the heavy diplomatic programme of the new Government.

both for India, a country linked to the Soviet Union by a 20-year-treaty of friendship, and for the Soviet Union itself, the visit is extremely important. India is one of the few nonaligned countries with which the Soviet Union enjoys a close, mutually beneficial and economically important relationship, which is genuinely free of

pressure or coercion.

The Soviet leadership sad reason to be well pleased with Mrs Gandhi's return to power. as she was always seen as sympathetic to Moscow. Mr Gromyko is clearly anxious to canvass Indian understanding

if not support—for Soviet
policy in Afghanistan, and to
reassure Delhi that the Rus-

sians will not allow the American rearming of Pukisten to nose any threat to India.

Though Mrs Ghandi has condemned all outside interference in Afghanistan, she has been at pains to apportion the blame for the present situation there equally between the Americans and the Russians.

Mr Gromyko's visit is further testimony to the vitality of the 70-year-old Foreign Minister, who has held office for a world record of 23 years. This is the

Human rights

angers Russia

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Feb 11 Mr Valerian Zorin, the Soviet

delegate told the 43-nation United Nations Human Rights

Commission today that raising

their discussions was a gross

ciples of the United Nations Charter, and a flagrant incur-

sion on the Afghan people's right to define their own fate".

He intervened after Mr Aga Hilaly, of Palistan, announced

he was tabling a resolution condemning the Soviet interven-

tion. The Soviet delegate alleged

that the Western powers were seeking to xploit th Afghanistan

issue "not out of any concern for human rights but to cover

the active military peneration

of American imperialist circles

in the region of the Middle East, Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean".

Moscow allowed

the Inter-Governmental Com-

mittee for European Migration.

most of the others Armenians.

54,000 to leave

resolution

fourth important round of negotiations he has led in the past two weeks, having already travelled to Syria, Romania and received a Kampuchean delegation in Moscow.

At a time when the rest of the elderly 14-man Politburo have slowed down markedly in their public engagements. Mr Gromyko's punishing schedule is a mark of his present in-dispensability to the Soviet leadership. The Russians, who backed

Mrs Ghandi enthusiastically, were surprised and disappoin-ted by her defeat in 1977, but quickly managed to establish a working relationship with Mr Moraji Desai, and received him with warmth in Moscow last But Mrs Chandi's return to

power was greeted by Prauda with genuine enthusiasm. The paper said her victory represented a remarkable personal success. Mr Gromyko will certainly add the congratulations of the Polithuro to the leader who signed the friendship treaty with the Russians. India is important to Soviet Union not only for its influence in the Third World and in Asia, but because it

represents a real alternative to Chinese influence in Asia without being seen merely as a vassal of the Soviet Union. The Russians have set great store by India's attitude to the Heng Samrin regime in Kampuches, and by India's refusal to condemn the Soviet inter-vention in Afghanistan at the

recent United Nations General Assembly vote.

The Soviet Union, in turn, has played an important part in India's economic develop-

ment, providing extensive tech-nical and educational aid.

# Kabul, Feb 11.—Afghanistan's filirtation with the western news media is almost over. No

Kabul prepares

to bar all

iournalists

reported violence between rioters and police in two skum dis

In Karabaglar, militants tem-porarily lit fires along a route to the city centre and shot at

police who arrived to clear the road. Officials reported one policeman and "dozens" of

In Cigli Cimentere, where yesterday's fighting exploded, militants continued their block-

rioters injured.

exploiters." Party officials said the bomb caused extensive damage but no injuries.

Police sources said the banned Turkish Communist Party, operating from Berlin, and othe and the Anatolian news agency

fresh entry visas are being given to reporters and those already in Afghanistan will not have their visas renewed. Mr Habibullah Anwar, who has just been appointed director of passports and visas at the

Foreign Ministry, has made this clear to the few journalists still seeking accreditation. The avalanche of The avalanche of photo-graphs and copy which have

appeared in the world's press since the Soviet-backed coup and military intervention has become an embarrassment to both the Babrak Karmal regime and Moscow.

### 'Since 1918' West miscalculating Communist aims

New York, Feb 10.—Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel prize winner and author, said today that the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan illustrated Communism's malevolent and irrational instinct for world domination". In an article written for Time magazine, he said the West had been miscalculating

continued to capitulate because of "spiritual impotence" He said there was little difference between Soviet and Chinese Communism. For the West to make an ally of China

was a mad, suicidal policy.

"Having supplied billion-strong
Chins with American arms...
no force on earth will restrain
Communist China from world
conquest."—Reuter.

### Afghanistan seeks peace talks with Pakistan

Kabul, Feb 11.—The Soviet-backed Afghan Government called today for peace talks with Pakistan and said it was seeking friendly relations with all neighbouring countries.

A Government statement said it wished to sales all its probit wished to solve all its prob-

lems with Pukistan through peaceful and amicable negotiations, provided Pakistan adopted a more responsible atritude towards Afghanistan. The statement, seen as the most important the new Alghan regime has issued, came at the end of a five-day visit to Kabul by a special envoy of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, but it was clearly aimed at Pakistan and Iran.

The statement also said offorts should be made to defuse what is called the "dangerous and tense situation in the region".

It said "limited contingents" of Soviet forces would be withdrawn 25 soon as the cause which necessitated the request for such military assistance ceased to exist under a "credible guarantee".

The statement said the attempts of some countries to transform Pakistan into an arsenal of "foreign-made arms and ammunition" was viewed with erent concern by both India and Afghanistan.—

### S African black groups under heavy scrutiny

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Feb 11

Stern measures against emer-Geneva, Feb 11.-About 54,000 gent Black Consciousness organizations, especially in people emigrated from the Soweto, the black ghetto out-side Johannesburg, are ex-pected to be taken soon. Soviet Union last year, according to statistics issued today by Some clear hints have been given by the authorities. In Parliament, Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Police, About 51,000 were Jewish and

declared last week that Soweto's

leadine Black Consciousness

totally controlled by the banned

the South African Congress Party.
Black Consciousness organizacions said to be coming under heavy official scrutiny are the Azanian People's Organization, the Congress of South African Students, the Azanian Students' Organization and the Black Consciousness Movement.

Mr Le Grange told Parliament that the African National Congress did not limit its membership to blacks but also included white members. It is believed here that the measures against the organization will African National Congress and involve a number of whites.

### in Izmir where a thousand leftist militants brought violence on to the streets The leftists yesterday opened fire on a police petral vehicle in Cigli Cimentere, launching the backstreet riots in which hundreds of poor people stoned police and built barricades to help the militants escape.

Some 200 Leftists found refuge in the factory, where many of them had recently lost their jobs. Police were expected to take control at the siege later roday, sources said.

Meanwhile, students from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, many shouting support for an illegal group called The Revolutionary Parh, demonstrated in support of the Izmir roiters. Police said two students were

ade inside a state-owned textile factory ringed by security forces. The mikants were reported to have set fire to cotton supplies in the factory. injured and more than 70 extested.—UPI.

### Work found in Britain adorns show in America

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Feb 11

Britain's latest art export to the United States, a pointing of icebergs by the American luminist Frederick Church, went on show in the National Gallery in Washington yester-day. It was found neglected in a boys' home in Manchester last year and was sold in New York for \$2.5m (£1,086,000) lest October.

The price was the highest ever paid for an American painting. Only two paintings have been sold for more. Titian's "Deather of Accaeon" and Velasquez's "Juan de Pareja". It was bought by an anonymous mildionaire and presented to the Dellas Museum of sented to the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

The painting had been miss-ting for a century. The house where it was found belongs to Manchester City Council, which received the purchase prize.
The finding was most timely as the National Gallery was just assembling a large exhibition of American luminists and the Church arrived in time to serve as its most striking feature.

The last time this happened was also an English discovery: a work by the seventeenin-cen-

a work by the seventeenth-century French painter Georges de La Tour turned up in the attic of a small museum in County Durham just as an important de La Tour exhibition was being prepared in Paris.

The Luminists were a group of American painters whose school developed from the Rudson river school of kendscape artists. The lavish catalogue published for the Washington exhibition puts the Luminists between 1850 and 1875.

For the most part, the came

For the most pert, the came from New England and showed the play of light upon the rule of nature, rather as a parable of God's mercy to the world. They lost popularity quickly, as people's tastes turned to the French Impressionists, and found the Luminists' colours strikens and are nists' colours strident and even vulger.

### Shifts in French policy on invasion irk Washington

coordinate a Western response to the crisis, senior State Department officials have let it

be known that they are puzzled by the French attitude. The officials fear that my sign of division within the ranks of the principal Western powers is likely to be exploited by Moscow at a critical juncture in East-West relations.

The Administration was par-

ticularly irked not so much by ficularly irked not so much by France's refusal to attend a meeting of foreign ministers of the United States, West Germany, Britain and Italy on February 20, but by its explanation for declining the invitation. Last week, the French gave the imporession that the meeting was being thrust on the Europeans against their will.

The officials insist that such an explanatio his far from the truth. In fact, the year, the West Germans took the lead in had appeared all along that the french trare quite willing to take part. It was only last week when the arrangements seemed to have been completed that the

french backed out.

The sudden withdrawal of French participation came as something of a surprise in Washington because President

From Our Own Correspondent castigating Moscow for its inter-

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb II
The Carter Administration is both bemused and somewhat irked by what it regards as rapid shifts in French Government policy towards the Soviet move was "unaacceptable and created grave dangers for the stability of the region and for peace".

Responding to last week's decision by the French not to attend a meeting in Bonn to coordinate a Western response In the light of this uncompro-mising stance, it had seemed en-tirely natural that the French would want to join their allies

in working out a coordinated approach to the Afghanistan crisis, the officials said. Nevertheless, they concede that French policy has been the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. They recall that Paris initially took a mild view of the invasion but subsequently

ably. They now see last week's change of heart as part of this vaciliating trend. The reasons for this uncharacteristic volatility are nor charhere. But some officials surmise that there may be differenced as the control of ences of opinion within the French Government, with the President edopting a softer line

toughened its stand consider-

towards Moscow than his for-eign policy advisers.

In contrast, however, the officials are highly pleased with the support President Carter has been getting for his new foreign policy in Britain and West Germany. Both of these countries are regarded as the staunchest of ollies.

The French refuszi to join the Bonn talks expears to here scuttled the idea of a fully-fledged Western gathering. But Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, is still expected to travel to Bonn for talks with Giscard d'Estaing of France and his West German colleague, on Henr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, had issued in on other European capitals a tough statement last week for individual meetings Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher,

### Mr Bani-Sadr sets terms for freeing hostages

Paris, Feb 11.—The hostages held at the American embassy in Tehran could be released within a few days, if an international commission were set up to examine the record of the former Shah, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of Iran said in an interview muhlished said in an interview published here today.

Mr Bani-Sadr told the news-paper Le Monde that the United States should accept "our people's desire for independence. If they accept this fact it would be easy for us to free the hostages quickly, per-haps even in the next few days."

Mr Bani-Sadr indicated that fran no longer required the return of the Shah, as demanded by the students occupying the embassy, to guarantee the hostages' release. It would be enough for the United States to admit its responsibilities and undertake not to interfere in our affairs any more", he added.

Asked whether the Iranian

authorities envisaged taking control of the hostages dtention from the students. Mr Beni-Sadr is quoted as saying:
"This is a possibility which I envisage for the next few days. "But, for this, it would be necessary for the Revolutionary Council, then the Imam (Ayatoollah Khomeini) to

TO approve my proposition," No guilt declaration: The United States will not declare its guilt in advance to win release of the American hostages, the State Department said

President Carter responded to questions raised by Mr Ban-Sadr's interview with Lt Monde by describing his statement that the hostages might be released if the United States were to express "self-criticism," as

express "self-criticism," 25
"interesting,".

He added that further comment would be delayed until the State Department saw the full text of the interview. Determined captors: The 49 hostages entered their 100th day of captivity today and their militant student capture were sticking to their declared intention of only freeing them when the deposed Shall returns to Iran to be tried. Ayatoliah misses parade: Ayatoliah Khomeiui did not attend

today's military parade in honour of last year's revolution, on the advice of his doc-LOTS. His absence caused speculation about his health since he is recovering from a heart com-

plaint. But doctors denied any relapse by saying their advice was given because of the cold weather. Bani-Sadre was among

weather. Bani-Sadre was among
the speciators.

Three people were killed
when they ware ran ov
a tank at the close of the
parade. The crush of more
than a million in Tehron's
Azadi (freedom) Square made
it akmost impossible for, some
units to parade in front of the
official stand.

Earlier a stand collegated in
the square and at least 57
people were injured, though
none seriously according to

none seriously according to hospital sources.—Reuter, UPI and Agence France-Presse.

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# ritain Mr Fraser's fortunes rise with changing mood of the electors

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, Feb 11
Mr Malcoln Fraser, the
Australian Prime Minister, is
beginning the new parliamentary session with his stature
greatly enhanced by his overseas trips and the Afghanistan

With a federal election due in December his oversess travels have been judged here as a rousing success. The Australian Labour Parry seems unable to make any impact at all and lately it has managed only to draw attention to its

internal troubles.

internal troubles.

Before the new parliamentary session begins next week Mr Fraser will have made a report to the nation on his travels. On the same day, Mr William Hayden, the Labour Party leader is to amounce his party's housing policy as part of his election strategy.

The Afghanistan crisis has worked in Mr Fraser's favour. Since he took office in 1975, he has been sounding warnings of the potential threat of Soviet expansionism to the jeers of the Opposition and the scepticism of much of the electorate. Now his stance has been vindicated. The timing for Mr Fraser's travels could not have been better.

been better.
The mood has been distinctly changing in Australia, perhaps largely as a result of a linger-ing disapproval of the brief period of Mr Gough Whitlam's

premiership.
In a 1967 public opinion poll,
26 per cent of those interviewed were in favour of reducing taxes while 68 per cent mought it was more important to spend more on social services. In 1969, priorities were find at the same. But last year, 59 per willing cent opted for lower taxes and victory.

only 36 per cent for improved social services.

Mr Fraser has thus found himself to be ideologically in tune with the times. In fact, with the international crisis and vague talk of a "khaki election" here, even the vexed problems of unemployment and inflation seem to have lost in importance.

importance. Furthermore, the economy at last seems to have some chance of improving. Figures recently released by the treasurer show that overseas investment in Australia is increasing.

During the Whitlam years, multi-national companies were not encouraged to invest in Australia, but now, with unem-ployment and inflation still as much a problem as before, any stimulus to the economy from overseas will doubtless be welcomed.

The value of foreign investment proposals approved by

ment proposals approved by the Government in the Decemher quarter was a record \$2,883m (£1,441m) which is over two-and-a-half times more than in the September quarter and more than three times the average quarterly figure for 1978-79 of \$880m. Everything, in fact, seems to be working for the fortunes of

the Liberal Party and the Prime

Mr Hayden feels compelled to reply publicly to any minor criticisms made of him, which often makes him appear petty. He failed to solve a serious factional dispute in the Queens-land branch of the Labour Party.

There are some issues and forthcoming events which could prove difficult for the Liberals. But it would be difficult to find anyone in the country willing to bet on a Labour

### Quebec shows it prefers Mr Trudeau despite his united Canada stand

Quebec, Feb 11
When the Canadian general election takes place on February 18, voters in Quebec will have been to the polls seven times in eight months.

Since last May, when the Conservatives came to power, there have been six by-elections in the Province. Another is to be held probably between now and the referendum in June not forgetting the debate on the referendum itself.

Political commentators are Political commentators are therefore expecting a low turnout in Quebec, partly because of apathy but mainly because a Liberal victory is certain. Opinion polls suggest that 77 per cent of the Quebec vote will go to the Liberals, while party workers believe they have a good chance of winning all 75 seats in Quebec.

The general election cam-

The general election cam-paign is generally acknowledged to be boring, and in the absence of any real contender against the Liberal Party here serious discussion of the issues has been minimal

At Conservative Party headourters in Montreal, however, bir Rodrigue Pageau, the campaign director, is not downhearted. In the last elections in May the Conservatives won only two seats in Chabes Mr. in May the Conservatives won only two seats in Quebec. Mr Pagezu himself was recently described as emerging from each federal election "like one of those old unyielding Japanese soldiers occasionally discovered in the jungles of the South Pacific still fighting the Second Woold War because no one told World War because no one told

World War because no one told them to stop?"

The latest opinion polls indicate that 30 per cent of the electorate is still undecided, and that is the magic figure Mr Pageau is aiming for. Impressive candidates, such as Mr Robert De Cotret, the Canadian Minister for Economic Development, have been brought in to stand against the Liberals. Mr De Cotret is fighting a Liberal majority of 9,700 votes in his constituency. constituency.

Mr Pageau thinks the Conser-Mr Pageau thinks the Conservative gains will be made in rural and small-town areas, and he believes that people are less and less convinced that Mr Pietre Trudeau represents their

The diminishing Conservative The diminishing Conservative vote in Quebec is a historical fact. According to a historian Professor Carl André Linteau from Montreal University, the phenomenon dates back to the First World War, when the Con-

servatives decided to introduce conscription and caused an up-roar in Quebec, splitting English and French Canada between Conservatives and Liberals. Except for what Professor Linteau calls "an accident" in 1958, Quebec has been Liberal ever

But why should Quebec vote for Mr Trudeau now, when it seems that be is in favour of a united Canada with a strong federal government running counter to the aspirations of the French Canadians? There is undoubtedly an element of ribalism in Quebec's prefer-ence for Mr Trudeau. In the words of the provincial Educa-tion Minister: "Quebeckers would rather vote for the devil they know than the devil they

Professor Linteau says that Quebec there has always een division between the nationalists and anti-nationalists, separatists and federalists.
"What the nationalists and federalists want is a stronger voice for French Canadians is the federal system, he adds.

"Mr Trudeau, by appointing
Ministers from Quebec to his
Cabinet, created a physical
Quebec presence. It is unlikely that Joe Clark, even with better representation in the province, would do the same."

Mr Renée Lévesque, the

Mr Renée Lévesque, the Premier of Quebec, has said that he would prefer his old sparring parmer, Mr Trudeau, as Prime Minister "for the sport", and because the referendum issues would then be clearer and this—according to Mr Lévesque—would work to Mr Lévesque—would work to

his advantage.

There is one issue on which all the federal parties have remained strangely silent throughout the campaign in Quebec—the referenchm. The Liberals have made no mention of it since the publication of the Quebec Liberal's policy document recommending greater powers for the provinces within the federal system, an idea which seems to be in conflict with Mr Trudeau's stated aims. The Conservatives hint at possible constitutional change in their propaganda in Quebec. his advantage.

possible constitutional change in their propaganda in Quebec, although in this area Mr Clark has said that his own statement will not be made before the autumn when he will publish a Green Paper if reelected.

There seems to be facilities. There seems to be tacit agreement to steer clear of the problem of Quebec's future within the federation until

### Vietnamese hint of Kampuchea conference

Islands.
"There is no danger whatever of armed conflict between us and Indonesia, whether in the long or short term", he said.

tion hased on the principle that no exploration must be carried out in disputed areas without the agreement of all sides," Mr Hein said, adding: "But we have never thought of settling this dispute through any way but

large-scale return to fighting was imminent. "Maybe the Chinese are preparing for it, but their modernization is not finished," he said.

Vietnamese peace talks after the Chinese statement that Mr Han Nianlong, the Deputy Foreign Minister who heads the Chinese delegation, was " too busy", Mr Hien commented : "In our job what we have to busy ourselves with first of all is foreign affairs, not sight-seeing." Mr Hien continued: "We are

on negotiating. We have a good cause. Time is on our side."
He rejected the suggestion that Vietnam was "unconditionally aligned" behind the Soviet Union. Vietnam's position cor-responded to its principles and

### joins new Thai Cabinet

Bangkok, Feb 11.—General Krijangsak Chomanan, Prime Minister of Thailand, tonight announced a Cabinet reshufile

In other changes, General Lek Naewnalee is replaced as Interior Minister but becomes a Deputy Prime Minister. The new minister is Mr Pratteng Kiracibute, formerly Deputy Minister.

Other ministers replaced are in the departments of Industry, Justice, Education, Health and Technology.—Reuter.

# after the elections. Iranians' \$3.1m offer for

From Ivor Davis

A consortium of Iranian businessmen bid 53.1m (about £1.4m) for California's famous Malibu pier at an auction on Sunday, but the owner of the landmark said he will not sell because the price is too low.

There was a carnival-like atmosphere as 400 people crowded on to the 50-year-old fishing pier for the open air auction. The assortment of spectators included registered bidders, a sprinkling of celebrities, bathers in bikinis, and fishermen and surfers in black wet suits who abandoned their boards to watch.

was sold after 15 minutes of brisk bidding to Mr Mansour Yamin and his brother Michael who said they represented a

tify themselves or their group. Later Mr Mansour Yamin reluc-

tantly admitted he was from Iran and said that he and his brother are both American citi-

But minutes after the final bid. Mr William Huber, who owns the pier and who, under the terms of the auction, has

"Commercial beach property like this is worth \$10,000 a front-foot", he said, "and at that rate the pier is worth well over \$6m. Their grice is inadequate but I am willing to negotiate".

With the pier comes the lease for Alice's Restaurant, a favourite haunt of many celebrities, as well as a valuable beach front property. Mr Huber added that the state of California is once again interested in acquiring the pier.

was up for sale. But, despite the large turnout, as they say on the fishing pier, the bidders weren't biting.

Hanoi, Feb 11

The proposal for an Asian conference on Kampuchea should be given serious consideration, Mr Phan Hien, the Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister, said in an interview with Agence France-Presse today.

today.

Mr Hien said: "Contact is always useful, and bilateral contacts are, of course, useful, but other things can also be enviseded."

"Some countries have brought up the possibility of a meering between countries from the South-East Asian region, including those in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Indonesia, Malaysia Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) and the Jodo-Chinese countries of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This idea should be seriously considered." Some countries have brought

considered."

Mr Hien rejected reports suggesting that an armed conflict could break out between Viet-nam and Indonesia over the disputed boundary of the contin-ental shelf in the South China Sea affecting the Natuna

Mr Hien explained there were differences between Vietnam and Indonesia over demarcation of the continental shelf. Oil-fields had been found off the Natura islands and the Indonesian authorities had decided to start prespecting.

start prospecting.
"We then recalled our posi-

On relations with China, Mr Hien did not seem to believe a

On the suspension of Sino-

ready for anything, but we mean to show our intention to keep

it was not ashamed of them.
On relations with the capitalist world, Mr Hien distinguished between countries that con-tinued to have normal relations with Vietnam and those that preferred "to shout rather than help us—Britain, Australia. West Germany, the United States and Canada".

# Finance expert

ariter months of pressure stemming from concern at the Government's bandling of the economy.

General Krianesak, who has been in office since 1977, gives up the finance portfolio he held himself to an experienced financial expert. Mr Sommai Humwakul.

Another significant change is Another significant change is in external affairs with the Foreign Ministry being taken over by Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsika, who has played a leading role in shaping policy on Indo-China and the refugee problem.

He replaces Dr Upadit Parharyangun who has held the post since November, 1976.

In other changes, General Lek

# Time Britain was taken to the cleaners

taken nothing to the cleaners (jokes about themselves and the betting shops are strictly out of place in the fashion column) in place in the fashion column) in the past three months. Men, of course, are by far the worst offenders—no, Gallup Poll does not say this, I do. Dirty ties, flecks of long past repasts on the lapels, shiny seats, that awful stale invalid whiff of the tired old suit which should have been re-cycled months when

Americans spend seven times as much as we do on keeping up the clean cut image but then that is not so difficult when Who-Who's Chimese laundry is open all night, the finish is superb the six hours service (one hour if you are really mussed) leaves most of Britain standing by the spin dryer. Claridges, with its own laundry and dry cleaning plant, can do you up in eight hours and put the stuff in those lovely old fashioned boxes with tissue paper between the hankies. Normally the Savoy Group's service is 24 hours.

Very sensibly, they are leery of certain exotic gowns which have had gravy dropped on them at a state banquet. A bald patch among the sequins might mean mademe would never book the suites again, so they send it off to a specialist. Americans spend seven times

Britons, I note, have been designated as a dirty race by a body which you may feel is nearly £700,000. Significantly, a not entirely a disinterested though, the first expansion in the group has been to New York, so that ad men may be group as the group on Madison. Avenue frebruary 1 my colleague Robin Young exposed the grubby fact that half the population have taken nothing to the cleaners. That ought to tidy up the That ought to tidy up the French who, while the Germans are, naturally, pristine spend only twite our measly £2 per head per annum on dry-clean-

Well, I have a message for the launderers and dry-cleaners of this nation. If we are dirty it is because on the whole you offer a poor service. Why set up a Drycleaning Information Bureau when what we want is faster, more efficient service—I somewhat we want is faster, time cannot tell if the dress has been to the cleaners or not—
fewer mangled buttons which
split just as HE's going to a
vital meeting and must be replaced by the plucky little
woman, over the marmalade,
and a far better standard of

Being of a nervous disposition Being of a nervous disposition I commit my few rags to the coin-op, where at least I know that they will not be boiled alive with a lot of workmen's overalls. Anything liable to stretch or distort I put in a laundry bag with a drawstring neck made of coarse nylon tulle. My own experience is that if you get the garments out quickly, while still hot, you seldom have to press them. to press them.

But in the main it is Hoover or the hand which retains the send it off to a specialist.

That a call for very high quality service does exist, at any rate in London, was proved to the vexed question of label into the washing machine any rate in London, was proved to the vexed question of label into the washing machine . . . . . . . . . . . . or should it?

They are bizarrs. Maybe it is membership of the EEC and a desire for communal com-munication which has landed us munication which has landed us with a plethora of labels on every garment which range from the fiercesome, "Monopoly" type—"Do not pass Go, Do not collect £200" through Esperanto to hieroglyphics as mysterious as the Dead Sea Scrolls. I suppose that once upon a time one knew what P with a circle around it meant, not car park for example, or that pyramid with a cross across it, or that funny little thing which I have just discovered is an iron (It does not look in the least like mine). I cam get the message about the tub with a hand sticking down into it but what about the tub with 50° or whatever written on it. It looks nothing like my washing machine which

written on it. It looks nothing like my washing machine which in any case does not have a thermometer. Neither do I. I work strictly on the "Owww" principle. If it is too hot for me, then it is too hot for whatever I am washing. That these symbols are fatuous is proved by the fact that having bowed to our legislators in including them on the tickets, most manufacturers feel obliged to manufacturers feel obliged to expand in human terms on just what you are meant to do with their blouse. Of course consumers must be

protected, but it does seem a little excessive to find six labels on a modestly priced frock Maker's name, origin of manufacture, size, washing instructions. instructions, content of material, batch number and whether Ivy or Doreen had run up the side seams. Well done, Ivy or Doreen, it is a lovely

# **Fashion**

Prudence Glynn





# When pearls would be too much

Seventy-six pounds for a cardigan? Seventy- garment is £30. Conclude 25 per cent for Details of The Times six pounds? Great heavens, did we not overheads and 25 per cent for profit on the exclusive knitting patterns, invent the garment, is it not Britain's finest cost of getting it knitted. A Mohair mix is contribution to the history of world fashion, now £3.68 per ounce. VAT adds £6. The and due at any minute for a grant from the retail markup accounts for the rest, and so but please send a large s.a.e. Arts Council as part of our cultural it was no surprise to me to read in the to Susan King. Public Relative through Debendance of the province of the rest, and so but please send a large s.a.e. heritage?

Before those readers who can remember; that £4 19s 11d was the going rate for that to enthuse sales. one essential item of the wardrobe, the one My contribution to high fashion knitwear Cumberland or Falmouth (and Florence: can be very nippy in the evening) before they get out their knitting needles and stick them into my effigy for daring to raise so ludicrous a subject, here is a breakdown of

how that figure is arrived at. First, let me describe the cardigan in question. It is quite enchantingly pretty, it is totally original, it is hand knitted in a sophisticated blend of yarns and it is the work of a young and immensely talented designer. Brigid Foley. Brigid, to my mind, is part of the backbone of our next generation of the textile industry, if indeed we are to have one. Now Brigid is no rat-faced exploiter wielding a stop watch in a sweat-ing den. Brigid is trying to fulfil her give elegance, pleasure and jobs to a lot of women.

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splendidly revamped Fashion Weekly that tions, 1 Welbeck Street retailers are busy trimming their margins London, W1A 1DF.

thing you needed on breezy holidays in at minimum cost you can see on the page | Camisole top and shrug today. Two smashing patterns, exclusive to jacket takes 7 50g balls of The Times readers, designed by Sue Faxall, 3 Suisses Barbara price 89p another very bright young lady. We styled per ball. Colours are white, the Big V sweater over nothing more than your collar bones but of course it looks right over a shirt, or for the nouvell chic, over a round necked T shirt—in the same colour. Last week I was talking about camisoles and bridge jackets or boleros, so here you are. A natty little camisole top with spaghetti shoulder straps topped with an amazing sort of opened up tube of knit-ting which seals your arms and then blossoms into a shrug for the back and shoulders. Do not ask me how it is done. I never got further than knitting the statutory Mission Garment (woolly vests for Africa, as I recall) at school but you all ambition and her training and in doing so knit, and so does my secretary, who is currently engaged on a complete frock based on the Modrian colour block pattern. Good

available through Deben-

dark pink, light pink, lilac, blue, green, yellow, peach, silver grey and black. The pattern is designed to fit sizes 32in-38in bust. Optional gold thread may be woven into the straps.

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Green monkey disease in Kenya hospital From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Feb 11

Natrobi, Feb II
The Nairobi Hospital, which is privately owned, has been placed in quarantine after the identification of Marburg (green monkey) disease in a patient and in the doctor who treated him. The disease is rare and is named after the West German town where a number of re-search workers died after consearch workers died after contracting the disease from African monkeys in the 1960s. It is the first time the disease has been reported in Kenya, although the original Marburg outbreak was traced to the use of monkeys from Uganda. Cases have since been reported from Zaire. The disease, viral in origin, killed about 800 people in Zaire and about 800 people in Zaire and the Sudan in 1976.

Dissidents freed

Warsaw, Feb 11.-Eleven of the 12 leading members of the dissident Self-Defence Committee, held by police over the weekend, have been freed, a committee spokesman said.

# Malibu pier rejected

Malibu Beach, Feb 11

because the price is too low.

The 750ft pier, which has been the picturesque backdrop in several dozen Hollywood films, together with 160ft of valuable beach front property,

group of investors. At first they refused to iden-

the right to approve the sale figure said he was not happy with the winning offer. "Commercial beach property

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BSC had offered in the private discussions and what the union side thought had been offered. The union side promptly withdrew from the meeting. Following this break down, Acas, the independent conciliation service, immediately tried to get in touch with both sides. They had discussions with the BSC on Friday afternoon and again this morning. I am told that the ISTC and NUB have not vet been able to live a

Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State

for Industry (Bosworth, C), in a

statement on pay negotiations in the steel industry, stressed the Government's determination not to

put more taxpayers' money into BSC to finance a settlement.

He said: The House will know

bodies of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and National Union

of Blastfurnacemen met the British Steel Corporation on Friday.

It was soon plain that a misunder-standing between the two parties existed, and that there was an

important difference between what

positive response to Acas's invi-tation for an early meeting. On Sunday, negotiators from the BSC and the craft and general unions met and agreed a pay formula, which is to be recommended for acceptance. The formula provides for a 10 per cent pay increase in respect of a central agreement with provisions for imagreement with provisions for improved productivity, plus 4 per cent in respect of locally negotiated productivity schemes. The 4 per cent is a minimum and there is every upportunity to earn more from local productivity schemes.

schemes.

The BFC's negotiations with the ISTC and NUB broke down because of failure to agree on the all-important question of producti-

Mr Howell (Guildford, C) had said—The precise level of fore-cast profits is a matter for the

British Gas Corporation but on the basis of the recently announ-ced financial targets, I would ex-pect profits in the conting finan-cial year to be of the order of £600m before tax.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey,

Tottenham, Lab)-That means Mr

Howell actually took a decision in total darkness and had no idea

what the estimates would be. Imposing this tax on gas is tan-tamount to a declaration of war against consumers and the gas in-dustry.

Does it not contradict his whole energy policy when he is now trying to increase the amount of gas consumed, particularly for growth industry?

Mr Howell—He should be under

no illusion; the figure I men-tioned for the coming year is in line with what the British Gas

Corporation recognized as neces-

sary, at the very least, to over-come the danger, of which we were warned, that without the price increases there would be an increased danger of supply inter-ruption. That is the danger we

Over and above that, the sort

the coming year is needed and is in line with the colossal invest-ment required to put in new trans-mission lines and meet the back-

log of the demand for gas for homes and factories, which is

Some 70,000 homes and 4,000 in-

dustrial concerns are waiting for gas. The money is needed to meet that demand which has been

sillowed to develop in recent years with the unrestrained blossing of the previous Government.

Mr William Clark (Croydon,

twice as large as normal.

profit we are discussing for

ment has made it clear from the beginning, and I repeat it again today, that we are not prepared to put more taxpayers' money into BSC to finance a pay settlement. Therefore, the money has to come from BSC's own resources. It is there to be earned; and producti-vity improvements are essential if that following private exchanges between the BSC management and union leaders, the full negotiating BSC is to compete and survive. strike is in its sixth week and has already cost the average BSC worker about £650 in gross

> Unless a settlement is found soon there will be permanent loss of jobs and permanent damage to our steel industry; and—without ques-tion—the risk extends to so many other jobs in the rest of British

I hope that all the parties con-cerned will display a real sense of urgency in trying to reach a settle-ment which this situation demands. Mr John Silkin, thief Opposition spokesman on industry (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab)—Leaving aside the general damage to the industry, what effect has the cost of this dispute so tas had on the Government's cash 'limits' As Lunder. ment's cash 'limits? As I under-stand it; there are three constitu-ent elements; investment, work-ing capital and operating losses, Which of these will suffer as a result of the dispute so far?

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Has there not been a misunderstanding between the Government and the steel industry right from the beginning? We were warning well before Christmas of the effect of this dispute.

The Government has shown great complacency, the Prime Minister in her television broadcast on January 6 talking about days not weeks. That is the sort of basis on which the Government has dealt with this problem. The one party that is not displaying a sense of urgency is the Government.

(Labour cheers.)

Every person in this country, the

Gas profits of £600m expected:

in industry wait to be connected

Fir David Howell, Secretary of ting only a rate of return of 9 ized Industries Consumer Council,

tic gas sales. In this year there would, broadly speaking, be a break even or zero profit on them. Without permission to in-

crease the price now, domestic gas would have been sold at a loss. If the Opposition is asking for

subsidized energy prices in an age of scarce energy resources, this would take us beyond the usual level of perception of Socialist

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon,

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Labi—The public are beginning to think the Government has a one track mind on conservation and that they have only one conservation policy—pricing it out of the reach of the people.

Will be assure us that some of the extra profits made by the gas industry will be used for real conservation methods?

Mr Howell-Conservation policy

involves price and encouragement of the right information on how to respond to that price in future.

One of our aims has been openly to explain to people the realities

of the high cost energy era so they know how to plan for the future and use energy efficiently, instead of being left in the dark from year to year without being told the truth.

Mr Howell later told Mr Trevor

Skeet (Bedford, C) that there were no powers to take back the indus-try's windfall profits in tax. New powers would have to be taken for

Mr Joe Ashton, an Opposition

spokesman on energy (Bassetlaw, Lab)—He confirms that it is Gov-ernment policy to tax gas. Why has there been no suggestion for

giving massively increased grants for insulation? Has he seen the

such an arrangement.

70,000 homes and 4,000 firms

Since, for Energy, defended the gas price increases saying that without them there would be an increased danger of supply inter-

ernment is intervening and has intervened all along the line. The time has come for the Government to intervene openly and honestly. It should call the parties together and do so within the next couple of

days. payers' money will be meeting some capital investment and some redundancy costs but not operating losses. He still will not appreciate when he charges us with complawhen he charges us with compla-cency and not intervening that we, unlike the Opposition, see this pri-murily as a matter between BSC management and the unions con-Government to become involved in negotiations.

We are involved to the extent of 1450m and as custodians of the caxpayers' money we have made it clear that we do not intend to put any further cash behind the in-

Mr Silkin-He has not told us what Mr Sukin—He has not told us what the cost of the dispute is so far. If there is only £450m available, out of which section is the cost of the dispute so far to come—redun-dancy payments, investment or working capital?

Mr Butler—The estimate of the steel corporation is that the cost of the dispute is of the order of £10m a week. Happily production gen-crally throughout the country is still only slightly affected.

that while it is right to move to-wards economic energy pricing, for those in hardship there should

scheme of this kind.

Dr David Owen, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) — Will he accept

li we are to move to economic energy pricing, it is viral the Department of Energy does not absolve itself from responsibilities affecting gas consumers whether poor, in rural areas and in domestic or industrial areas?

cepts that monies coming into

cepts that momes coming into some of the energy industries as a result of a pricing policy which is influenced by Opec, will be available for consumers of energy here both in terms of a generous scheme to help the poor and a generous scheme to help conserva-

Mr Howell - The Government

believes in developing effective social policies because it is through a social policy that the

consequences of fuel hardship can be met. That applies as much to those in hardship through supply as those in hardship on the con-

As to the availability of these

domestic or industrial areas?

nezotlating table now.

No more Government money to finance BSC pay settlement

Mr Rutter-Mr Baker is right to draw the attention of the House to the example of the craft and general workers. In reaching this settlement, which is substantially self-financing, they took into account the position of the in-

The fact that a number of workers in the private sector have either stayed on at work or decided to go back, as in the case of Hadfields, shows that among the membership of the ISTC there is a real desire to end this strike and save their industry. I am hopeful their example will be noted by the

Mr Michael Grylis (North-West Surrey, C)—Would the minister make it plain to the unions that when they talk of new money the only places new money can come from are the taxpayers paying still more money or improved producti-vity? That is the key.

vity? That is the key.

Mr Butler—There is plenty of scope for improving productivity within BSC. The money can be carned from that increased productivity and the significance of getting improvement in productivity is that the industry will move towards a competitive state. Without being competitive it does not have a future.

have a future.

In response to a further question Mr Botler said: For some reason Mr Sirs and Mr Smith have still not indicated they are prepared to undertake talks with Acas. It is the responsibility of Acas to try to find a way forward.

Mr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wichaw Lah) suggested an inquiry Wishaw, Lab) suggested an inquiry should be set up into the situation. Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C)—Will he assure the House that the Government has no

(Cheers.) The industry was thoroughly investigated by a Com-mons select committee recently and such an inquiry would merely delay the taking of vital decisions. Mr Butler-Certainly the Governent agrees with him. This is not the time for a court of inquiry-it

is the time for a settlement of the dispute. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield, Attermr Patrick Dully (Sheffield, Atter-cliffe, Lab) said that Hadfields was in his constituency. The workers there were completely united in holding the Secretary of State (Sir Keith Joseph) responsible for their predicament and believed that only he could break the deadlock.

Mr Butler-Mr Duffy speaks for his constituents. They have shown they believe this strike should not have been spread to the private sector. He could best help by going to his constituents and explaining clearly that the Government is not represent to put in more taxibles. prepared to put in more taxpayers'

There has been £700m in the current year and another £450m or next year, and that is all that is going to be forthcoming-Mr John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C) said BSC was hopelessly top-heavy. He asked what steps were being taken to break it up. Mr Butler—There is considerable merit in decentralization and local bargaining. One of the features of the agreement now reached with the craft and general unions is that local productivity should prove an important part of it. That will help

for the future. Later the minister said: The Goverument's credibility is standing up very well. One thing demonstrated by the otherwise regretable breakdown of negotiations is that there is no question of a U-turn, silent or otherwise.

Mr Gregor Mackenzie (Rutherglen, Lab)—The average steel worker in Scotland is frustrated and bitter

asked to proceed with the British Aerospace Bill when they did not know about the activities and shape of the new company to be set up under the Bill, Mr Leslie Huckfleid, an Opposition spokesman on industry, said at the beginning of the report stage of the Bill. Mr Huckfleid (Nuneaton, Lab) moved a new clause (Loans to successor company to rank as

successor company to rank as priority creditor) with which was discussed a large group of amend-

ments.

The new clause stated that the Secretary of State should stipulate as a condition prior to its nomination under this Act that the successor company to British Aerospace should have included in its initial articles and memorandum the necessary provisions to ensure that where the Secretary of State advanced moneys by way of loan to the successor company, the loan should rank as a priority creditor in any winding-up, after claims for salaries and wages.

He said that MPs had not yet

He said that MPs had not yet been presented with the memorandum and articles of association of the publicly quoted company, British Acrospace Ltd. although they had pressed the minister in committee street Negember 27.

They had got the memorandum and articles of association of the

private company, and had assumed that those for the public company

to set up a publicly quoted com-pany, and MPs did not have the memorandum or articles of asso-ciation for it.

Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State

of the street of

a copy. A further draft was laid in the Library at the end of last week on points raised in committee.

Mr Buckfield said the minister was

misleading the House in an outra-geous way. The Secretary of State would be the sole shareholder in the company and as sole share-holder, could change the memoran-dum and articles.

It was an insult to the House and to the workers in the industry to ask the House to approve a Bill

power over the new company could be exercised by the Secretary of

with him certain aspects of the industry which were at any time

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride.

Lab) said he found it sinister that the Government did not intend to take up a 51 per cent interest. This

was a sanction that was required in

case something did get out of hand. It did not have to be used

Mr Michael Marshall, Under Secre-tary for Industry (Arundel, C) sold

that the Government, given a man-date to act in this regard, had moved with moderation. That was

the view of most thinking people. Fifty one per cent was equated in some Labour MPs' minds with

effective control but a fixed share-

holding did not provide that. One of the key elements in this situa-

but it had got to be there.

company.

But the purpose of the Bill was

mittee stuce November 27.

are being given to the BSC by the

Secretary of State.

Sir Keith Joseph and his colleagues will have to give just a little in order that we have the steel strike settled and the steel industry maintained.

Mr Butler-He continues to ask for more taxpayers' money. Why should the steelworkers ask for more money when the money is there to be earned? The productivity can be gained.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid-Sussex, C)—The productivity schemes pro-posed by BSC are complicated and the details are not fully under-stood. He should suggest to BSC management that they go out of their way to make the details of the local productivity schemes known to all their employees. Mr Butler-I imagine BSC manage-

ment would take note of that sug-gestion. The craft and general unions have just semied on a pro-posal which was similar to the sort of proposal on the table on Friday. Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet, C)—Steel workers would be getting increases of about 514 a week if it micreases of about 214 g week if it was accepted. Most workers in this country would regard that as a generous increase, particularly if they are working for an industry which is effectively bankrupt.

Mr Butler—Even the first offer of BSC would have given £12 to £13 a week extra to the average steel worker. It would have allowed the average steelworker to earn something like £123 to £124 a week. Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—If we are to have a viable steel industry at the end of this strike we as a community must sustain it. Therefore the Covernment must intervene

been placed in that position by the deliberate in that position by the deliberate inactivity of Mr Butler, who had concealed vital information from the House.

In the new clause, Labour MPs had tried to provide a formula to

had tried to provide a formula to ensure simply that the Government would get its money back. The company would be in altogether too privileged a position. It would have a private monopoly for which there was inadequate public accountability. The new clause would ensure that the Secretary of State and the taxpayers' money was adequately protected.

Mr. Stanley Thorne (Preston.

Mr Stanley Thorne (Preston, South, Lab) said they knew by history and experience that no air-

craft industry could continue to produce in the world's market and compete without Government input of majur proportions.

input of major proportions.

Those who invested in the industry did so in search of large profits and workers in the industry were concerned that that would mean confrontation in industrial relations about whether productivity was at the level which would give investors the sort of profit they anticipated. It was immoral for private profit to be made out of investment in military aircraft.

Mr Ernest Ross (Dundee, West,

Mr Ernest Ross (Dunnet, weat, Lab) said he had grave suspicions about the future viability of research and development in civil aircraft if the aerospace industry was denationalized. Civil aircraft

needed massive investment and

that type of investment could only come from the Government. There was no need for this Bill.

Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State

Mr Adam Buller, Minister of State for Industry, said many of the Government amendments were largely technical. Some helped to shorten and clarify the Bill. One of the Government amendments was aimed at trying to ensure there were no loopholes to prevent the Government from acquiring shares in order to retain its proportional shareholding.

The problems associated with

funding the new company were looked at by Opposition spokesmen from a number of different view-

points and raised once again the question of whether or not a private sector company and private sector investors were suitable for lone lead size companies.

They apparently ignored that

long lead time companies.

British Aerospace to be kept as

entity under new company

workers have decided to go on strike against an offer of 12 per cent minimum, should the tax-payer, who generally carns less than the steelworkers, be asked to put his hand in his pocket to find more money for them?

Mr Barry Jones (East Filot, Lab)—There are ministers in the Cabinet who now favour Intervention. Intervention is the only way to save not only the industry but the converse

Mr Butler-If he means by intervention putting in more taxpayers money, the Cabiner and the Gov erament are united on this point that it should not be so.

Answering later questions Mr Butler said the Secretary of State would not be entering into negotia-tions in order to settle the strike He also denied the malicious suggestion which had appeared in some quarters that the Government had deliberately precipitated the

That (he said) is nonsense and I deny it absolutely.

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East) pressed the minister on the cost of going over the £450m figure in order to serile the strike. What, he asked, would one per cent on pay asked, would one per cent on pay cost the Government? Mr Eutler said be would let him know the figure. Mr Callaghan—The public sector horrowing requirement can be at least one billion pounds out in its

estimate in any one year. If the cost of settling this strike was to pay another £20m it would not matter a tuppenty damn. Mr Butler—If we were to take his line it would be real money from the taxpayer. It is because of this imprudent attitude that we are

there were not just individual examples of long lead time companies in the private sector but a host of examples in such things as the chemical, metal processing, oil and power plant industries. They were almost legion: household

were simost legion; household names like ICI, Shell, Rio Tinto Zinc and British Aluminium.

The lead times were every bit a:

long in some cases as those for the production of aircraft or defence weapons. The significant thing about those companies was not that they were high risk for investors but all were blue chip companies.

Then there was the old scare about parts of British Aerospace being hived off. This was not the Government's intention.

The Government had concluded

that it would be wrong to split up British Aerospace and therefore produced the Bill which allowed for only one successor company to be formed.

Mr Huckfield, intervening, asked

attitude towards that company.

having to try to recover the econo-mic position from the mess we found it in.

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how, in view of the Government's attitude to British Steel and British Leyland, it expected the Opposition to have confidence that it would keep British Aerospace as one entity. Why was the Government's assurance not written into the Bill? (Labour cheers.) Mr Butter: Mr Huckfield's appearance on the platform with the man known as Red Robbo who has done his best to break up British Leyland is evidence of his

(Conservative cheers.)

It is not the Government's inten-tion to break up British Aerospace and it will be kept as an entiry under the new successor company. He said the next scare being run was that the Government was

going to pull out. context of shareholding (he said) we have made it clear that it will be the Government's intention to retain about half the in future, some of those shares are sold we will retain at least 25 pe cent for the purpose of blocking any change in the articles of association, such as that of foreign shareholding, which we believe would not be in the interests of the

The new clause was negatived

### Protest at coverage devoted to catcalls

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton, North. C), on a point of order, said that on Friday a "small contingent of the great unwashed" infiltrated the gallery of the Bouse. What concerned MPs was not the activities, dismal though they were, of this group but the response of the broadcasting media.

within noors (we said) the sub-human caterwardings that inter-rupted the speech of Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) were relayed to every radio and televi-sion set in the land.

Such far-reaching and quick-acting publicity must give encouragement to any group of faustics prepared to abuse the procedures of the House for their own ill-conceived and perverted purposes. If interruptions of that sort were relayed by every broadcasting media, they would encourage other

This would be detrimental to the dignity of the House. It was a grave matter and might eventually be detrimental to the safety of MPs. Shots and screams were far more diversing to the public than catcalls and caterwauling.

could prevent the broadcasting media unsurping its privilege in the House in future.

It is an extraneous influence in

our chamber. We all have a right to be concerned with the way things are done. I did not hear the broadcast myself.

### Advice to public war threatens

speedy and efficient evacuation of women and children from the cities to the country, designate reception areas for their use, and

advantage in offering more advice to the public in normal times, and this is one of the matters we are considering in the current review

This, will cover all aspects of public protection, including eva

Parliamentary notices House of Commons .

Mr Stanley Thorne (Preston, South, Lab) moved a new clause (Government shareholding) which could require the Secretary of could require the Secretary of south shareholding until they could require the Secretary of State to ensure that he or his nominees held at least 51 per cent saw what the level of employee

Protection against foreign control

shareholding would be.
They were continuing to consult not only with the management and directors of British Aerospace but with the trade unions on the form in which the proposed employee shareholding should work in practice. When, the Opposition talked of renationalization without compensation they should remember the employees had an important take in their own comment. They He said company policies were often determined at general mect-ings. It was important that some State. If there was a 51 per cent holding within his hands it might be possible for the House to raise stake in their own company. They ought to be regarded with fairness by any government.

y any government.
The Government was trying to combine stability with change in what it was doing. It wished to see a continuing robust company and that was what lay behind its decision to malutain a substantial Gov-ernment shareholding.

The new clause was rejected by 286 votes to 235—Government majority, 61. Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby,

Lab) moved a new clause to limit foreign investment in the successor company to 15 per cent.

He said a proposal in safeguard the new organization against foreign control or influence was vital and should be included in legislation. It should not just be left to company acticles.

trinsire reasons. The Government was desperate for cash in order to make the books look as good as possible and in that situation it would not be unduly concerned about the purchasers of the shares it was selling off.

Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Industry, said the Government was determined to prevent the company falling into foreign control, particularly because of its defence interests. The articles of association would include an article which restricted foreign owner. cle which restricted foreign owner-ship to not more than 15 per cent of the voting rights of the com-

pany.

The Government shares could be used to stop any attempt to change or to remove the article and also to oppose the election of directors representing foreign interests. As a fall-back the Government would be prepared to use the Industry Act 1975 to stop a charge of control of this key industry. this key industry.

These mechanisms working

together would be fool-proof. Mr Leslie Huckfield said there was nothing in the Bill, in ministerial assurances or in draft articles of association, that would prevent the industry leaving Britain's shores lock, stock and barrel.

egislation. It should not just be eff to company articles.

The Bill was selling off a major majority 65.

The new clause was rejected by 302 votes to 237—Government majority 65.

# Spain could bring EEC new fishing problems

Spain's accession to the European Economic Community could cause even greater fishing problems Mr Finn-Olay Guidelach, Vice-President of the Commission with responsibilities for fishing policy, said when he answered questions. Mrs Winifred Ewing (Highlands and Islands, DEP) had asked the Commission, in view of its recent Commission, in view of its recent attempts to speed up the negotiations on Spain's entry, what was its view of the fishing problems Mr Gundelach—Proposals for a negotiating brief concerning fishing in connection with Spain's entry into the FFC will not be ready for into the EEC will not be ready for another two months.

What is of concern is that Spain has a relatively large fishing fleet, as compared with other member countries and fishing in third countries.

tries' territorial water has been

going to be a concentration of the Spamsh fleet in North Sea waters Spanish fleet in North Sea waters which is strongly overfished by present Community fishing fleets.

There are two ways we can act. The first has started under an agreement we have had on an annual basis with Spain where there is a grading-down of fishing by the Spanish authorities. There was a decision a week ago in negoriations that there should be a

We must try in the interim period at least to examine the possibilities of Spain fishing in other waters off the coast of Africa in order to ease the strain on the North Sea.

Mr Gundelach—Spain's accession to the treaty will lead to great problems in the fishing sector. European fishermen are in great difficulty because of the lack of agreement. This lack of agreement seems to be leading to a break-down.

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### Mr William Clark (Croydon, South. C)—Most profit is from the industrial gas sales. Until now, domestic sales have shown a loss. Even with the increased domestic prices, the taxpayer will be get-A personal accident policy for MPs

A personal accident policy has

A personal accident policy has been effected to cover death or injury of MPs on parliamentary or constituency business.

The new policy was announced by Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab) representing the House of Commons Commissioners.

He said: I am pleased to announce that a devised group personal accident policy has been effected, the premiums for which will be met from public funds, to cover risk of death or injury on any day on which a Member of the House of Commons is engaged on parliomentary or constituency business in the United Kingdom or abroad.

The policy will not cover bodily injury caused or contributed by war or sustained whilst flying or taking part in other aerial activities except while travelling in an alreraft as a passenger, and not us

aircrew. These arrangements will operate Mr Tristan Garel-Jones (Watford, Lab) welcomed the announcement and asked for confirmation that the policy would not cover per-

onal effects or property.

Mr Bottomley agreed. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU)—This represents what is, for many MPs, a desirable further move towards a status for MPs of employed person. Will he say whether this extends compulsorily and automatically or whether we can have contracting out.

(Laughter.) Mr Bottomley—I had an accident in this House last year and was told that if I had been permanently injured, I had no claim for compensation at all. In those circum-stances I think it is reasonable that all MPs should be covered. If any MP wishes to contract out, he or she is free to do so.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South West Staffordshire, C1—Is accident or injury on the picket lines covered? Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely. L) -Are all MPs equal when it comes to meeting their death in aerial or constituency disaster, and by what strange alchemy was the worth of an MP. computed?

Mr Fottomicy—I should welcome Mr Freud's advice.

# for insulation? Has he seen the press report that the insulation industry is afraid the existing grant will be reduced? Can he promise any increased grants for industry or domestic users to carry out a conservation programme? Mr Howell—The Government has recognized, as have the National. Need to be less coy on depletion policy

A statement on 'the future that in the changing situation to rate at which the country's oil and gas supplies could be depleted would be made to the Commons by made to the Commons by made the country of the changing situation to which the oil industry is constantly subjected, we must review the situation from time to time. Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State for Energy, said during questions.

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C)—It is the Government's duty to lay down guidelines for the rare at which oil and gas are consumed to ensure that there are proper supplies in future generations. Mr Gray—It will be the intention of the Government to try to extend the period of self-sufficiency for as far forward as possible. We expect to march a long to the control of the control to the control of the control

net self-sufficiency in the latter part of this year. Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C)-This target of self-sufficiency is proving illusive. There is a need to maximize exploration activities in the North Sea. How does the seventh licensing round fit into

this strategy? : . Mr Gray-The seventh licensing round is not perhaps as large as the industry would have liked. Taken along with the increase in world oil prices which has made existing acreage still attractive, there is considerable incentive for

the industry to explore. Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline, Lab)-Is it his intention to confirm that what has been loosely called the Varley assurances are to be reneged? Mr Grav-The assurances were

given in good faith and the Gov-

ernment will continue to bonour

3dr Peter Emery (Honiton, C)— Would be make certain that while listening to the voice of conserva-tion he does not change the policy which will preclude more extensive exploration because of the difficulwhich are putting large sums of money into exploration. They must be able to obtain a return from the gas or oil they find.

Mr Gray-I accept what he says. result we will devise a policy which will be beneficial to the companies and also give fair opportunity to those who are going to invest money in our continental shelf Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C)—When the Secretary of State offers shares in BNOC to employees of BNOC and to the British people, he is going to have to make clear his policy on deple-tion since that will be of extraordinary interest to anyone who invests in BNOC.

It would be wise to be less cay now and tell us more about deple tion policy. Air Gray-The term "depletion policy" is somewhat misleading. We are talking about "resource management". Bearing that in mind we will take account of what he has said and in due course the Secretary of State will make a statement to the House in which he will clarify the position about BNOC and the future rate at which

# Death penalty offences

Mr Barney Hayhoe, Under Secretary of Defence for the Army, in a written reply, said: An Army court-martial may impose the death penalty, in certain circumdeath penalty in certain stances, for piracy with violence, serious misconduct in action, assisting the enemy with intent to do so, mutiny, incitement to dom or overseas. No mutiny, failure to suppress a mutiny, both in the United Kingdom and overseas, and also for cipline Acts since 1953.

army Act only when accompanying a body of the regular forces on
active service in the United Kingdom or overseas. No sentence of
death has been passed under the
Army Act or other Service Dis-

be extra aid to encourage con-sumption and conservation.

As to the broader question of how much people should be given in additional grant and incentive to do what it is in their interests to do, that is a matter he should carefully asset, before proposition carefully assess before proposing that hard-pressed wage earners and taxpayers should provide money to others for things they Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C) in later ex-changes, asked — Would be look changes, asked — Would he look at the possibility of an inverted tariff for domestic gas users? Air Howell — An inverted tariff would help some poor consumers but some poor but large users of gas would be grievously hurt by

people to perform such interrup-

He asked the Speaker how they

the House in future.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—I understand his feeling. I advise him that he ought to refer this matter to the committee on Sound Broadcasting which the House has set up. Let them consider what happened because we must be jealous of the way in which we are reported.

# if nuclear

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby, C) asked the Home Secretary if, further to a reply he had given in January on the protection for the public in time of war, he would now take steps to advise the public on protection that could be taken now, and ensure that local authorities had prepared plans for a sneedy and efficient evacuation of

Mr William Whitelaw, in a written reply-said: Most houses in this country offer a reasonable degree of protection against radioactive fallout from nuclear explosious, and protection can be substantially improved by a series of quite simple do-it-yourself measures. The material is ready now for an intensive publicity campaign if war should threaten. There may well be advantage in offering more advice

# House of Lords foday at 2 70° National Heritage Bill and Matringolat Thomas (Co-owner-ship) Bill, second readings.

tlations that there should be a quota reduction from 200 to some-ring like 168 tonnes. Spanish fishlag in the north of Europe will be reduced.

Mrs Ewing—There are grave pron-lems with this enormous fleet come to an agreement with Spain agreed in the gentlemen's agree-which in 1976 was 252 per cent for a further reduction of the ment arrived at last year,

more than the size of the United Kingdom fleet.

While we sympathize with Spain's attempts to curtail it by 6.000 vessels and 31,000 men, what assurance can he give to the Scotian fishing industry contributing at it does a lion's share to the whole of the EEC pond?

There is a sense of unreality about the situation with lack of forcourted lack of coastal preferences, and also about the ustrich-like attitude which they ish feel is being adopted over Spain.

Mr Gundelach—Spain's accession to the treaty will lead to great problems in the fishing sector.

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des concerned. Mr Gundelach—Part of the diffi-

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Record collectors, at least, will know that Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau has of late been work-

ing his way "systematically through all the songs

Schumann. The records are as

Schumann. The records are as comprehensive as one male singer can make them; afterwards that singer can build varied Schumann programmes with special attention to what suits him best, what unfamiliar but marvellous songs should be propagated among recital audiences, and which particularly characteristic examples

audiences, and which particularly characteristic examples should, even if not of topmost quality, also be heard.

Such a programme he, with wolfgang Sawallisch as his pianist, brought to the Royal Opera House on Sunday. They put us all in their debt: few of the chosen songs are generally familiar toerhaps only

ally familiar (perhaps only "Widmung", first of the first published volume, with which

they properly started), there numerous revelations. thanks to their individual and

corporate artistry, and they gave time to several poets, such as Lenau and Hans Andersen,

as well as Heine and Rückert, who meant much to Schumann.

It takes a brave singer to attempt "Der Schatzgräber" (poem by Eichendorff who gave Schumann a famous song-set, not touched in this recital until

the encores) in which the greedy treasure-seeker is buried

greedy treasure-seeker is buried by the earth he has dug, or Hans Andersen's "Muttertraum" where a mother rocking her baby is told by ravens outside that they will have the child for supper. Fischer-Dieskau, by artistry and conviction, just about heavens off these horrors.

about brought off these horror-

comics, knowing how much they appealed to Schumann and his age of flesh-creepers.

The cause, admirable, of a larger Schumann song-repertory

may bring lesser interpretors to despair, spurred as they will be by such champions. The singer excels above all in his musi-cianly attention to words as set to music (anybody who under-

stands German bardly needed to

look at the printed programme-book), and in immediate res-

ponse to a particular mood. Fischer-Dieskau, as usual, worked wonders with narrative

poems, as witness the change of atmosphere, in "Abends and Strand", when talk turns to foreign travel, and with the

diverse wedding-scene in "Der

Spielmann". But he was brilliantly seconded by Sawal-

the voice), and thereafter modu-lated tone with real versatility,

especially using softer registers and head-voice, but also firm bass tones. How attractive the boyish ardour which he assumed

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Anne Estelle Rice : Au bord de la mer. Didonne (c 1906).

# A progress through representation

Abstraction: Towards a New Art Tate Gallery

Anne Estelle Rice Browse and Darby

Looking round the big new exhibition at the Tate (until April 13) after the Pasmore retrospective in Sheffield last week is like seeing the same story writ large more than a dozen times. (For those who will see the Pasmore when it arrives at the Royal Academy in September it offers an invaluable introduction.) Over and over again there is the same sort of progression through representational art to arrives at the Royal Academy through representational art to a growing interest in the forms as forms, the colours as colours, and so to the gradual reduction of the representational element until it is recognizable only because of an indicative title, and then the abandonment of even that in favour of complete

definition drawn from some- or diagonally on a pale back-

objections to the term as normally used in painting which rgue that nowadays many abstract" works are simply non-representational, with no significant derivation from external reality whatsoever. But undoubtedly at the beginning of the movement, between 1910 and 1920, many artists in dif-ferent countries, often with no sort of connexion among them, were feeling their way little by little out of representation, and it is possible to chart with great exactitude the path they

travelled.

Here, for instance, you can see some of Mondrian's early landscapes and studies of trees, then the intermediate versions which the bare outlines of the composition become sition: Trees II. Here also, from the less-known Dutch painter Bart van der Leck, is a series which might almost be intended to illustrate a course on Abstruction Made Easy: every step along the way from a de-tailed picture of Arabs on donkeys arranged in a sort of frieze to a long low painting of little

abstraction.

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We should not be surprised. oblong patches of colour ar
After all, an abstract is by ranged borizontally, vertically

Verdi historically distorted

lines of force as in the original composition but otherwise represents nothing at all.

The show is admirably com-prehensive, though inevitably there are omissions: the Swiss Cuno Amiet, for example, whose thoroughgoing abstractions of 1904-5 pre-date anything comparable here and hannen to be selves. But the arrangement by countries does allow for the showing of a lot of quite un-familiar work—the American section in particular suggests that we should know more on this side of the Atlantic about Synchroists like Morgan Russell and Stanton Macdonald-Wright-as well as sometimes

suggesting the distinctive ways that national taste and character come out even in abstraction. Not only national character. Individual abstractionists are as distinct one from another as any group of representational painters. It is certainly not one style or one school: in fact, if anything temperament comes out more clearly in abstract art than elsewhere, because there is an absolute minimum of literary content to get in our way. The neurotic tension of Mondrian is very different from the excitable fantasy of Kandinsky or the ease and gaiety of Delaunay or the minimal dynamics of Malevich or the decorative patchwork of Van Doesburg or the dazzle camouconcrete—hence the ground which reflects the same flage of Bomberg. Everywher

variety; everywhere a sense of delight and liberation. For, even if it sounds intimidating, this is a joyful show, full of light and colour and movement. The first generation of abstractionists were escaping from something, and relished their new-found freedom. Even 60 or 70 years on, we can still feel what bliss it was in that down to be alive. Anne Estelle Rice (19 Cork

Street, until March 8) is much

smaller beer, naturally. Though she was painting right through this period—she was born in 1879 and died in 1959—and was in Paris, at the heart of things, from 1906 to 1913, she took on the colours of Fauvism and a few of the shapes of Cubism for a while but never ventured across the border of abstraction. In many ways as befitted a nicely brought-up girl from Philadelphia, she remained a brillianly seconded by Sawallisch who manipulates a piano
no less ably than an orchestra.
In "Widmung", FischerDieskau's voice sound hard,
even gritty. Quickly he caught
the acoustics of the theatre (a
wooden screen was behind the
piano, helpful for projection of
the voice), and thereafter modutouch Edwardian all her life, and the most striking pictures in this show are those in which she stays closest to the world of Steer (Au bord de la mer, Didonne) or J. D. Fergusson (Restaurant; Afternoon Tea). But throughout her career the ghosts of First-Russian-Ballet-Period colours linger and make even her slightest works individual and attractive.

I shall be writing tomorrow about the Vikings exhibition at the British Museum.

John Russell Taylor to the final verse of "Mein Wagen rollet langsam".

Ballo in maschera New York Metropolitan Opera,

Patrick J. Smith

Verdi's Un ballo in maschera is a homeless waif, shuttling between Boston and Stockholm between Boston and Stockholm (with stops now and then in Naples or New Orleans). For the new Metropolitan Opera production Elijah Moshinsky has opted for Boston, but with a crucial difference. It is not the Boston of the seventeenth century, but the Boston of 1774, on the eve of the American Revolution. There is a certain audaciousness in presenting the kind-hearted but wayward Governor Riccardo as some sort of English despot, and the assassins Sam (Adams?) and Tom as American revolutionaries, even in New York (although that city was a Tory strongbold). Yet the calumny is multiple: by 1774 British governors of the Massachusetts colony were no longer Counts of Warwick, but native-born, and the motives of the American revolutionaries were firmly founded on a recreet for the revolutionaries were firmly founded on a respect for the rule of law and they at no time countenanced assassination as a way to freedom.

In the end, Moshinsky's production did not even carry out this trendy audaciousness. In its stage plethors of British uniforms, military paraphernalia (Riccardo is shot, not stabbed) and flags (the Red Ensign in especial prominence), in its dragging in kicking and screaming from desil procession the ing from devil-possession the Salem witches (of 1692!) for the Ulrica scene, in its hodge-podge of aspects of Colonial America, the totality was more incoherent than decisive: the work of a second unit director on a Cecil B. DeMille movie.

Verdi of course, is ignored: the Verdi of the play of light and dark throughout the operat, of the suffocating sense of menace of Act II (at all times Renato and Amelia can easily escape), of the presence of the just-off-stage band in the masked ball—that stroke of genius—which continues to play and gradually peters out. The characterizations, so wital in Werdi and so particularly illumined in this opera, are lost in the contumes. The great love duet is staged so that the principals hardly look at one emother, and there is precious little human contact anywhere.

Peter Wexler has long been one of the weaker set designers at the Met: he here surpasses himself in ugly irrelevance. The raked Bayreuth ring has become a wooden square, furnished with bits and pieces from the store—

Judith Blegen (Oscar) and Luciano Pavarotti (Riccardo).

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Philharmonia/Muti Festival Hall

Stanley Sadie

Brahms may have been a gruff Hamburger by birth, but like so many northerners he was drawn by lands where lemons might bloom; and, given half a chance, his music tells one as much. Riccardo Muti, conducting the Philharmonia on Sunday, gave it a whole chance, and provided a splendidly heart-warming evening.

It involves risks Overdo the

It involves risks. Overdo the lyrical side in music as densely worked as this, and you may sacrifice something else, like force of argument or integrity of design. Nothing like that happened, except perhaps in the Violin Concerto. There Salvatore Accardo did what any one who makes such a beautiful sound must be tempted to do: dawdle whenever the music invited it, to let us relish it still more. There is a case to be made for a stronger, less elasti-cated thread of continuity in the first movement; certainly the momentum suffered at

the momentum suffered at three or four points. Yet these were mostly at points preceding some formal juncture at which Mr Musi could, and did, draw things together decisively. The finale in spite of a steady tempo had a powerful, dance-like pulse, yet here, too, Mr Accardo inclined more to the lyrical than to the beroic. The Adagio was a feast of pure,

silvery tone, and distinguished too, by much deeply poetic playing.

Mr Muti gave us first the Tragic Overture, a noble, warm reading, marked by a good deal of freedom over tempo and broad, vocal lines: the second subject was especially richly shaped, notably the second-time round in its D major incarnation on the violas. His very slew tempo for the central section gave him the oppor-tunity to make something extra of the ending: an overture not just tragic but heroic, too.

Brahms's E minor symphony is often reckoned tragic. Mr
Muti sees it otherwise. He conducted it in broad spans, in
sustained lyrical paragraphs,
punctuating them distinctly
with minor retentions of the pulse or even small Luftpausen: the structure remained strong

the structure remained strong and clear, the mood often unexpectedly exuitant.

In the scherzo timing was precise: those sforzando A's were not dived onto precipitously but held back to give them additional force. But there was still an exceptional sense of forward motion. Finally, a noble passacaglia, its variety of idea richly realized, its textures carefully managed, its underlying turbulence strongly brought out. I am not strongly brought out. I am not sure that Brahms No 4 is truly quite so lyrical or exultant but am glad to have had this view of it so vigorously put, and supported by such whole-hearted orchestral playing.

Dezso Ranki Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison Dezso Ranki's piano playing on

Sunday afternoon was nearly elways immaculate, and he caught exactly the thoughtful air of the first movement of Beethoven's Sonata quasi una fantasia, Op 27 No 1, so that fantasia, Op 27 No 1, so that it was unruffled by the brief C major episode which takes the place of a development section. The second movement was, and is, less interesting, but he produced a beautiful tone in the Adagio and made the most of the contrasts of register and dynamics in the finale.

The companion courts Op 27

The companion sonata, Op 27
No 2, the "Moonlight", also begins calmly, and Mr Ranki projected the opening movement's magical air of resigned sadness with a quiet vividness that led us to forget how hackneyed it is. Or perhaps it would be more ant to say that we were be more apt to say that we were reminded that there are no hackneyed works—only listeners with dulied responses.

After the interval we visited fiery readings of Chopin's worlds very different from Etudes Op 10 No 4 and No 5.

Beethoven's. The combination of simplicity and sophistication that Debussy achieved in Children's Corner is hard for a performer to bring off in concert conditions, and the first movement, "Doctor Gradus ad Paroassum", was sometimes too fast to suggest the daily keyboard gymnastics the piece means to lampoon. But " Jimbo's means to lampoon, But "Jimbo's Lullaby" was deliciously drowsy, "Serenade of the Doll" enchantingly delicate. Enjoyable also was the wistfulness of "The Little Shepherd", and Mr Ranki gave an amusingly emphate account of "Gollimos's Cakanoll" wog's Cakewalk". He was still more at home,

though, with the furious virtu-osity of Stravinsky's Petrushka movements. In the first, the "Russian Dance", particularly, everything had a hard-edged clarity that perfectly matched the forward-moving rhythmic drive. What is remarkable about this music in a fine performance is that its releutless accumulation of detail never seems excessive; its geometry is intensely agitated yet exactly balanced. Encores included

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

# Keegan puts England and Southampton above Europe's riches

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Southampton achiered astonishing coup yesterday by ansouncing that they were to sign Kevin Keegan from SV Hamburg on a two-year contract for a fee of under £450,000. After weeks of speculation linking Reegan with almost every famous club in Europe and beyond, Southampton quietly called a press conference at a Hampshire hotel

and produced the player who had kept Europe in suspense. Until the last moment it was thought that Juventus wer-favourities to sign Keegan, but favourities to sign Keegan, but Invitan regulations do not yet alliow the import of further foreign players. As it was predicted that the Italian Football Association's rules were about to be changed, it was widely understood that Keegan would await the decision. His move to Italy still seemed likely last week when he returned to play so brilliantly for England against the Republic of Ireland, but subsequently it was rumoured that there was some

interest although that could not have been easy since Keegan has only to walk his dogs to find him-self in headlines throughout Europe. The club's manager, Lawrie McMenemy, called mem-bers of the press yesterday morn-ing after considering a possible bers of the press yesterday morning after considering a possible extended loan of Charlie George to Nottingham Forest.

The business of the morning was possibly loosely connected since Southampton would have welcomed

Southempton would have welcomed the fee that Forest would have paid, but the deal seems to have foundered. Not that the fee for Keegan is anything short of a bargain by today's standards. The "extras" are another matter, but the fee itself was dictated by a clause in Keegan's contract with Hamburg. When he left Liverpool he had the fee inserted in the contract, a decision that will now allow him to join one of the less grosperous clubs in European football.

football. Keegan, who is 28, appeared at yesterday's conference with Hamburg's general manager. Gunter Retrer. He said: "There has been a lot of speculation about my future but I want to play for England in the World Cup and I think it best that I play in English football. Southampton can't match the sort of money that Juventus, Real Madrid or Barcelona would yesterday's conference with Ham-

from testimonial

min's chairman, had other ideas.
"I have made it clear to George
that I want him to stay in Edin-burgh for a fortnight. We have

and I want to make sure that Best plays in them all ", Mr Hart said.

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pay but I know I will get enjoyment from playing with them. I think Southempion can win the first division championship and I have signed a piece of paper that says I will join them. My contract with Hamburg ends on June 30 and I will sign on July 1."

Mr McMenemy said: "This is a great day for Southampton and all of the city will benefit from it. We want to show people how

all of the city will benefit from it. We want to show people how far we can go. It's a bigger day than our Cup final win in 1976 because 'the signing of Keegan represents progress. The next thing we want is a new ground. We have done our part in putting Southampton on the map. Now it's for other people to act ". Southampton have been trying for years to obtain a new ground to replace the Dell which has a capacity of 30,000 but only occasionally has attendbut only occasionally has attend-ances of over 20,000.

ances of over 20,000.

Keegan explained that his former club, Liverpool, held an option to re-sign him if he decided to return to England but their chairman, John Smith, had given him the "all clear". Liverpool were interested in entire him back him the "all clear". Liverpool were interested in taking him back to Anfield to form a forward partnership with Dalglish, but since announcing that he wanted to leave German football Kesgan had made it clear that he boped for a fresh challenge. Southampton will certainly provide him with one, for although they are having a splendid season, they need something special to make them appear to be a "big club".

Season is indicated a special

Keegan is indisputably a special Keegan is indisputably a special player and will become a huge attraction on his return to the Football League next season. He has been elected European Footballer of the Year in successive years and admirs that he is a more complete player than when he left Liverpool. His performance at Wembley last week left no doubts about that. At Southampton he about that. At Southampton he will join another regular member of the England team. Watson, who was also signed from a German club, Bremen, with whom he could not settle. He will know that Southampton expect a lot from him and least a chellange.

that Southampton expect a lot from him, not least a challenge for the championship and a regular place in Europe Southampton are third in the first division, five points behind Liverpool and three behind Manches'er United. They have a remarkably good scoring record at home, having scored 39 goals, but away they have been less successaway they have been less success-



Keegan points the way to Southampton's future, while Lawrie McMenemy, his new manager, savours the prospect.

season's Uefa Cup seems assured.
Keegan's immediate challenge is to help Hamburg in their attempt to win the German league and the European Cup. The German champions play Hajduk Split in the European competition's quarter-final round next month and there is still the possibility of his facing Nottingham Forest in the final. After that he hopes to be allowed to play for England against Spain on March 25, but Hamburg are unlikely to release him for the home international championship home international championship in May. He will be free to join England for the European cham-pionship in Italy next June after which he will sign for Southamp-

While at face value Southampton can claim to have obtained a bargain at a time when domestic transfer fees have risen to 11.5m, obviously they will have to satisfy Keegan's personal demands. It is not yet clear how that will be done but as a businessman with interests in the Isle of Man, he is not short of financial advisers.

Keegan's career blossomed after a slow start at Scunthorpe United whom he joined at 15. His talent was not obvious to all but Bill While at face value Southampton

Shankly, then the Liverpool man-ager, was moved to offer £35,000 for him and was not dissatisfied. Although not as naturally gifted as some past great players, Keegan has worked hard to raigt his perhas worked hard to raise ous per-formance and he is indispensable to the present England plans. He has won 40 caps and scored 18 goals for the national side. While he was at Anfield. Liverpool won three League championships, two Ue's Cups, and FA Cup and a European Cup. After one season in Germany his fellow players elected him "Man of the Year" and he impressed them, particularly, with his determination to learn the

his determination to learn the language and not be treated differently to the rest.

Bamburg match: Wolfgang Klein, the Hamburg president, said the money his club would receive for Keegan would be boosted by the gate money from a friendly match in Hamburg next August with Southampton. Mr Klein said the concluding transfer negotiations took place in Keegan's Hamburg home and lasted three and a half hours. "It was the best result we could achieve. There was no longer a chance of keeping no longer a chance of keeping Keegan," he said.

# Forest's grip on the cup is loosening

Defending slender leads away from home will not be easy for Nortingham Forest and Swindon Town in tonight's second leg marches of the Football League Cup semi-final round. Forest, 1—0 ahead of Liverpool, go to Anfield with a depleted team, and Swindon Town take a 2—1 advanture to With a depleted read, and wantage to Wolverhampton Wanderers whose confidence was improved by a victory at Manchester United on Saturday.

Forest will be particularly lost by account defeat because they

George Best did not play in John Dempsey's testimonial match at Chelsea last night. Hibernian, the Scottish premier division side, pay Best £2,000 a game to play for them, but he failed to appear for training last week and missed Saturday's encounter with Morton. Best admitted "there are no excuses" before flying in Scotland yesterday morning to make his peace. He had hoped to meet club officials, fly back south immediately and arrive at Stamford Bridge in time to play for Dempsey; but, Tom Hart, Hibernian's chairman, had other ideas. to accept defeat because they have won the League Cup for the past two seasons and, until the end of last mooth thought they had the clusive secret of stopping Liverpool from winning if not cluston was proved false four days
after the League Cup tie at the
City Ground when they were
knocked out of the FA Cup by a
frighteningly determined Liverpool

> Looking back to last season's Looking back to last season's European Cup, Nottingham Forest can gain some encouragement from the memory of going to Anfield with a 2—0 lead and holding on in a goalless draw, but the situation roday is less hopeful. They risked injuries by playing Barcelona in the European Super Cup and suffered the consequences when Francis and Frank Gray were hurt. Gray has almost recovered

with Bowles cup-tied and George returning to Southampton, the Forest side may struggle to the Forest side may struggle to keep Liverpool from moving towards their first victory in a League Cup final. Last Saturday's disappointing goalless draw with Bristol City hardly improved their outlook while Liverpool were involved in an exciting 5—3 victory at Norwich.

Fairclough, who scored three of

fairclough, who scored three of Liverpool's goals on Saturday, suffers the fate he must have expected. Johnson is fit again after his collision with Peyton, the Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, at Wembley last week and takes his place at centre forward. Soupess also returns, after suspension, so Liverpool revert to the side that had previously been unchanged for 17 matches. Swindon Town have maintained

throughout their successful season that promotion from the third division is the priority. Their home defeat by Sheffield Wedneshome defeat by Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday damaged those hopes and since beating Welves at the County Ground in the first leg they have been eliminated from the FA Cup by Tottenham Hotspur. It would do morale no harm to reach the League Cup final for the second time in their history and the revenue would help

strengthen the club for the future. Despite Saturday's result, they are below their true station. are below their true station.

Wolves will again need to keep control of the two lively Swindon forwards. Rowland and Mayes, who scored one goal each in the first leg, but have not been quite as sharp in recent matches. Bobby Smith, the Swindon manager, said: "We've had a couple of disappointments since the first leg, but that's history. We won't change our style. We'll be going for a win".

The Wolves manager, John Barnwell, will not decide until this morning whether to risk including Hughes, the former England captain, in the defence, but will definitely play Eves, the scorer at Old Traiford on Saturday. Only a month ago Eves was

day. Only a month ago Eyes was unable to obtain a regular place in the side and he is still on the transfer list.

Eves was brought back to the team after the Wolves winger, Thomas, made a bad error that

allowed Norwich to equalise in an FA Cup match a fortnight ago. He scored in the replay and Wolves have not lost since the first game with Swindon, who have not won. Mr Barnwell may decide not to include Hughes even if the player passes a fitness test this morning. He explained that McAile played outstandingly on Saturday and could keep his place.

Scots face **England** 

team full of promise

Dave Sexton sends out a young England side packed with skill, style and scoring potential to face Scotland in tonight's European under-21 champion-sing quarter-final, first leg at Highfield Road, Coventry. "It's the most experienced team we have, and hopefully there will be goals to show for it" he said:

show for it," he said:

Mr Sexton has included four full caps—Sansom and Robson, who played for the senior side against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley last week, Hoddle and

Reeres.

Regis coming back to peak form with West Bromwich Albion after injury returns to the side, and Rix steps out fresh from Saturday's highly-acclaimed Arsenal performance that suggested he is predicted. ready to assume Liam Brady's mantle if and when the Irishman

mantle if and when the Irishman leaves Highbury.
England have a nucleus of highly experienced players and should start with a strong advantage for the first leg. Winners of this quarter-final meet Hungary or East Germany. The side shows eight changes from the below strength one which beat Bulgaria 5—0 in the last qualifying match three months ago when Crooks, the Stoke player scored three, This time he is dropped. time he is dropped.

Ipswich's central defenders. Butcher and Osman, have been chosen and they know that Mr Greenwood is anxiously seeking cover for Watson and Thompson: chosen and they know that Mr Greenwood is anxiously seeking cover for Watson and Thompson: and Regis has to make up lost ground. After rising quickly to win under-21 and England B caps, the West Bromwich striker lost his touch towards the end of last season and was handicapped by injury at the starr of the present There are slight Goubts about Sanscen (septic toe) and Reeves (hamstring); Gilbert and Crooks stand by, but Mr Sevton is confident they will not be needed.

Scorland are without Bannan, the Dundee United and former Chelsen midfield player, who has a leg injury, and clearly have a test of character on their hands, But the manager, Jock Stein, insists his side possess sufficient ability and resilience to keep the second leg at Aberdeen on March 4 alive. Mr Stein said: "It could be that England are the ones who will be in a spot of trouble."

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Today's fixtures

urp. UEFA UNDER 21 CUP: Quarter-nal. First leg: England v Scotland final. First leg: England v Scotland t Coveniry City FC).
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THIRD DIVISION: Millwall v Southmed United, Wimbledon v Cillingham.
POURTH DIVISION: Crew v Portsmouth. Rachdale v Doncaster Rovers. monn. Nochale v Doncaster Rovers.
York City Whales Town.
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Olympic Games

# Man-made snow can make it easier for late starters in the downhill



From John Hennessy Lake-Placid, Feb 11

For some time Lake Placid, lodged in the Adirondack range of moun-York State that Montreal is the nearest city, has been a hamlet' without not only the prince but half of the total cast, of the winter

Apart from the mechanical. metronomic swish of some of the speed skaters and a smattering of the figure variety and ice bockey players, the place has been peopled by officials, journalists and the various other camp followers that are. I like to think, essential to great sporting occasions.

Now the big guns are being brought to bear. The American ice hockey team, chastened by the hammering they took, physically hammering they took, physically as well as technically, from the Soviet Union in New York on Saturday, are tearing holes in the ice in a frenzy of self-assertion. Deep down they know now that they are not in the same league as the hated Russians, regarded "as good as gold" by one player with a cynical acceptance of the brutal facts of life. But they can hope for a face-saving performance against the other nations.

The leading skaters have come The leading skaters have come out of their various hideaways to face the music, to the relief no

doubt of many short-changed spec-tators. Those in the Olympic arens yesterday afternoon seemed bewildered, more than anything else—and with good reason—to find themselves paying 510 for the doubtful pleasure of staring at the empty ice for the first hour and

two women skaters half-heartedly attempting some sort of short-programme practice for the next. The practitioners of bob, luge

and cross-country sking have fulfilled their couract, so to speak,
but their field of operations at
Mount Van Hoevenberg is so far
removed from the town, like the
Olympic village fiself, over at Ray,

development, so the rest, Britain

European Championships recently; has now checked in and will surely be a centre of attraction from now onwards. Linda Fratianne, too, the women's world champion, has shown her elfin self, together with the other darlings of the American skaping public. Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, brilliant winners of the world pairs championship last year, albeit in the absence of the legendary Irina Rodnina and the legendary Irina Rodnina and her husband, Alexander Zaitsev, because of the calls of the nursery.

because of the calls of the nursery.

The he-men of the Alpine sklers, the downhillers, couverged from various other New England resorts to make their first exploratory runs of the course at Whiteface Mountain yesterday and today. Theirs, the blue riband of the sport, is the first Alpine event and after two more days of practice they approach the start line in earnest on Thursday.

The race is so open this year

The race is so open this year that any one of a dozen skiers may hope to win, with no Franz Klammer to dominate the scene. Indeed, mer to dominate the scene. Indeed, skiing supremacy can be so cruelly fleeting that Klammer has not even made the Austrian team this time. As a team the Canadians have the strongest four: Ken Read has probably the strongest chance. Not all that many years ago the race would have had to be postponed because of the lack, rather almost a total lack, of snow, but had has been able to emulate nature to such an extraordinary degree that the artificial snow differs little from that which falls like manna from heaven when times are good for winter sports times are good for winter sports

Artificial snow has one advan-tage that might help to improve the lot of late starters. It stands up better to punishment. Thus, those humbly placed in the start list may not be as seriously penalized by wear and tear as might be the cause on natural snow. man-made attempts to produce matching equipment in the matter of ski construction and wax re-

Brook, that they are little seen or heard.

Robin Cousins, mest people's favourite for the men's skatling title, it seems, after his win in the European championships recently.

European championships recently when asked about his chances. In putting on a hrave face in this company, pulled a wry one today when asked about his chances. In a perverse way this may be encouraging. I recall producing a glowing report, for The Times in Innsbruck four years ago on first meeting him there, only to be totally confounded by his wretched performance on the space. Perhaps performance on the snow. Perhaps a grimace here offers more than a smile there—but I doubt it.

By European standards it is not a difficult course, not in the hair-raising sense of the Hahnenkamm or the Lauberhorm, at least. The top is unusually technical, though, and must be negotiated with such expertise as to launch the skier on the steepers passages, chapmingly expertise as to launch the start on to the steeper passages, charmingly called Niagara and Victoria, at high speed. Thereafter geometri-cal progression plays its part in deciding the crucial hundredths of a second that are likely to distin-guish between the glory of gold and the bitter-sweet consolation of silver and bronze.

Read is a sensitive and intelli-Read is a sensitive and intelligent young man, whose interestsrange for beyond that ribbon of
substitute snow on Whiteface: He
is concerned about the Olympic
movement and the dangers it faces
in these critical days. "It is disturbing", he says, "to see the
influence of politics in sport. But
the Olympic ideal is strong and,
whatever happens, too many
people believe in it to lot it die."
He supported the banning of He supported the banning of flags and arthems (though they may be expected with luck, to pay homage to him in a couple of days' time) "because there would then be no opportunity for them to be exploited for nationalistic reasons. The gold medal ceremony must be the ultimate experience for the winner." he admitted, "but he'd still he better off without it in its present form." He deserves a medal before the games even start.

### Bobsleigh team take the brakes off

Lake Placid, Feb 11.-Britzin's bobsleigh team took off the brake here today as they practised on the mile-long Olympic course. "The were on the brake yesterday as there is no point going down full speed when you're getting to know a course; but we've been going all-out roday", said Roger Potter, aged 34, a captain with the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment who is expected to drive Britain's No. two-man bobsleigh. Braking is

forbidden in competition.

The British No 1 driver for both the two-man and four-men bob-sleighs is Jonathan Woodall, also aged 34, a relative newcomer to the sport. A major with the Royal Dragoon Guards, he was a member of the 1972 Olympic luge team. Jackle Price, ageo 29, should prior the No 2 four-man sled. A sergeant in The Queen's Dragoon Guards, he competed as No 1 driver in the 1976 Olympics and as a crewman in the 1972 Games. The importance physical fitness plays in bobsleighing has been reflected in the appointment as physical trainer of Tom McNab, a member of Britain's Olympic athletics coaching squad in 1972 and 1976. Another key appointment has been that of Gion Cavierel as technical coach He caviezel as technical coach. He was the Swiss bobseleigh champion six times until a bad accident forced him to give up the sport.

—Agence France-Presse.

## Olympic torch is doctor's

birthday present

Lake Placid. Feb 11.—The 1980
Winter Games will be officially
opened by a 44-year-old American
psychiatrist, who will carry the psychiatrist, who will carry the olympic flame in tomorrow's opening ceremonies. Dr Charles Kerr, of Tucson, Arizona, was elected by the team of 52 runners who carried the torch 1,600 kilometres in nine days to Lake Placid from Yorktown, Virginia, after the flame was brought to the after the flame was brought to the United States from Olympia,

Greece. "I've never had anything to compare with this", Dr Kerr eaid of the honour of carrying the Olympic torch into the Lake Placid otympic forch into the Lake Placia stadium. A father of five children, he has been running up to 16 kilometres daily for the past decade. Wednesday's opening ceremonies will come one day before the University of Arizona medical "I couldn't think of a hetter birthday present than representing this wonderful group of people". Dr Kerr said. He called the nine days of torch-carrying the most in-

tense emotional experience of his life, including his three years of service in a United States Navy submarine.

First day times: The timetable of matches in the ice hockey tournament opening tomorrow (all times GMT) is:

### Riding the luge in the menace of the 'labyrinth' Lake Placid, Feb 11.-Though

his left leg is still in plaster, the British tobogganist Chris Dyason, is looking forward to an Olympic outing on the Mount van Hoeyemberg luge track where he broke his shin a fortnight ago. " We got thrown into the air down there in curve 13 and my leg got caught under the sled runner and dragged giong the ice", Dyason, aged 31, said. "At first: I didn't realise it was broken and as it didn't burt much we had another couple of training runs:"

It was his second hospital visit in two months. He broke two vertebrae in a spill in Oberhof, East Germany, in December which put him in hospital for a weak. nered by Derek Prentice, aged 29.
"On the two-man sled you're more relaxed" be said. The fallest member of Britain's lage

team. Dyason thinks the revemped course is still more hazardous than it should be, particularly, in the "labvinth" where, he says, "little problems can become big ones." nes ".

There have been plenty of spills in the labyrinth where top speeds reach nearly 70 mph. including one in which another Briton, John Denby. Jost control and saw his luge fly into a telegraph pole. Denby, fortunately, missed it.—Reuter.

Boxing

# Cuba take the points

10.—Teofilo Stevenson, of Cuba, defeated the Amarican heavy-weight. Jimmy Clark, by a commoversial one-point decision today to give the Cuban Olympic hoxing team a 7—5 victory over the United States. Stevenson, a gold medallist at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics, benefited from two penalty points assessed against Clark by the Cuban reserce, Romelio Santiaco. The three judges (one American, one Cuban and one Mexican) gave Stevenson the decision 17—171.

Clark was cut over the right eye in the first round and Stevenson Clark was cut over the right eye in the first round and Stevenson worked on that eye for the rest of the bout, throwing left jabs at Clark's head while Clark concentrated on staying away from Stevenson's right hand.

Clark, clearly the aggressor, got through to Stevenson several times, but was warned repeatedly by Mr Santiago for lunging and

### Title chance for Feeney

John Feency, aged 22, from Hartiepool, has been announced as the official challenger for the British bantam weight title held by John Owen, of Merthyr Tydfil. The British Boxing Board of Control have ordered Owen to defend his title against the unbeaten Feency but have not set a date for the contest because the Welstrian is due to fight for the European championship against Juan Francisco Rodriguez, of Spain, later this month.

The board have also ordered a final eliminator for the British Ught-welterweight title between Das Morrison (Bedford) and Sylvester Mittee (Bethnal Green). The winner will meet the holder, Clinton McKerzie.

Third defence: The Yugoslav. Marijan Benes, defends his European light-middleweight title for the third time when he faces the Italian Damieno Lassandro, here tomorrow. Keuter reports from Feraro. Benes, aged 29, whose herbies of playing the flute and writing poetry contrast markedly with his aggressive ring style, first won the crown when he knocked out Gilbert Cohen, of France, last March. He made successful defences against the Spaniard, Adont Amana, in Bilbao last June and the Dutchman, Adric Huussen, in

### Zanon hopes to win back title

Milan. Feb 11.—Lorenzo Zanon, the Italian heavyweight, said today that he hoped to win back the European title he left vacant to stage an unsuccessful world cham-pionship contest against the WBC holder. Larry Holmes (US). Holmes knocked out Zanon in the sixth round of their fight at Las Vegas earlier this mouth. Vegas earlier this mouth.

Zauon also has plans for a nontitle fight against Leon Spinks in
the United States: "I have been
offered a fight against Spinks in
Las Vegas", Zauon said. "My
immediate plaus, however, provide for a try at the European
title". That title will be at stake
in a bout between Britain's John
L. Gardper and a still unuamed
challenger. "I bope to be
allowed to fight the winner",
Zanon said.—AP.

### Newman starts well

Riverside, California, Feb 11.-The actor, Paul Newman, opened his defence of the SCCA National C production racing championship at the Riverside international raceway yesterday with his 11th consecutive victory.

Newman driving a Pioneer Dalsun 280-ZX, won the 19-lap event by two seconds from Stu Fisher in a Mazda RX-7.

Squash rackets

# Clark pays the penalty and Barrington finds time against him not age

Squash Rackets Correspondent

Jonah Barrington scems to fancy himself as the Ken Rosewall of squash rackets. eHis only two months short of his thirty-ninth birthday, but is still ranked ninth in thew orld—and after spending 70 stremuous minutes in the company of Mobibullark Khan at pany of Mohibullarh Khan at Southampton last evening. Barrinz-ton's chief regret seemed to be that the match ended just as he was striking form for the second time.

Mohibullah, third in the ranking, heat him 5-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-7, at the Gaumont Thearre, in the quarter-final round of the Inter-

quarter-final round of the Inter-national Squash Players' Associa-tion championship, sponsored by the Abbey Life Assurance Com-pany. Barrington won the first game from 5—1 down, and in the fourth he came back from 2—6 to 7—all.

"In the second and third he In the second and third he took the ball early and was very positive". Barrington said later. "He broke it up and didn't let me settle to a rhythm. I was trying to stay with him because I thought

I was hitting to a good length, moving forward again and getting some momentum. I wanted to keep playing, to get him into a fifth "It was not to be. A nicked foreband drap tok Mohibulah tio match point, and Barrington then unluckily conceded a penalty point, when he played a drop with Mohibullah tucked be-hind him. Barrington relied throughout on

Barrington relied throughout on hitting to a length and trying to fox Mohibullah with drops and subtle variations of pace. It was streadly and usually neatly done; but he was giving away almost 15 years to a player of the highest class, and for most of the match Mohibullah was so forcefully tidy that Barrington repeatedly had to travel a little too far a little no.

travel a little too far a little roo onickly.

The match did credit to both men: Mohibullah because he so admirably did the job he had to do and Barrington because of the way he defied the years in the first and last games.

Qamar Zaman, who is seeded to bear Mohibullah in the Inal, had a straightforward but delightful 9—3, 9—5, 9—2 win over Ali Aziz. The Egyptian was always

under pressure and sometimes looked bewildered, as he twisted this way and that in often va'n this way and that in citen value attempts to understand what Zaman was doing. Zaman's wristwork, superh volleying touch and envisible range of shots gave him great scope for deception. (He even played a shot behind his back, while winning one rally). Aziz often joined in the come of hiuff, and though its outcome was always predictable, the march was a pleasing demonstration of the a pleasing demonstration of the game's advantages as a spectacle. This first experiment in putting squash on stage is confound-ing theatrical conventions, in that most of the time the "actors" have their backs to the audience; but the game's inherent drama is enhanced by the environment of the prosecutum arch and the audi-torium, and the way in which the seating arrangements and the lighting concentrate attention on the court. It is satisfying, too, that rather than being a kitte-flying exhibition, this is one of the most important tournaments in the cal-endar—and more people are watch-ing it in greater comfort than

Perhaps

and referee. Traditionally the close rapport between players and public has given squash an exciting sense of intimacy. But at the Gaumont the players cannot hear the spectators gasping around them—and the public cannot see the pain as players hend and twist in an effort to ride the punches. In an effort to ride the punches, Yet the advantages of the enterprise outweigh the disadvantages. This may not be the pilling answer to the public profits of squash but it is certainly a brave stride in the right.

Hunt seeks third: Great Hint has his sights on a third wan in the Lockers Marten.

has his sights on a third win in the Lookers Masters tournament, which begins in Lancashire a week today. He opens with a match against Mohammed Asran (Egypt) in Royton, and the second seed Qamar Zaman (Pakistan), takes on Hunt's fellow countryman, Kevin Shawcross, at Stockport. Jonah Barrington and Gawain Briars of Britain are also in action at Stockport, Barrington against the eighth seed, Rolan Watson (South Africa) and Briars against Mohibullah Khan

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Seen from the back row of the stalls : Mohibullah Khan and Gogi Alauddin hold the stage, not court

For the record

Boxing LAGOS: Commonweelth flyweight championship. Ray Amoo 'Nigerla' beat Net McLauchian 'Ireland'. points.

Cycling

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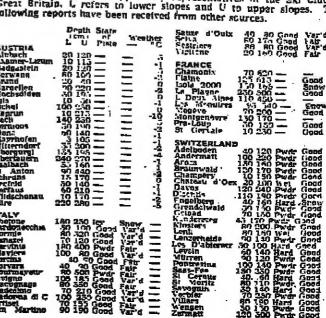
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### Latest European snow reports

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Oosterhuis is swept

away in the rush

Cricket

# Beard tours in place of the injured Mallett

Sydney, Fcb 11.-The New South Wales all rounder, Graeme Beard, will replace the experienced spin bowler, Ashley Mallett, in the Australian team to tour Pakistan. In the six Sheffield Shield matches he has played this Shield matches he has played this season, Beard has taken 20 wickets at an average of 20.55 and scored 203 runs for an average of 33.83.

The Australian selection committee announced the change this afternoon after Mallett was ruled unfit to tour because of a sprained right shoulder joint. The Secretary of the Australian Cricket Board, Alan Barnes, said Mallett was examined by one of the board's medical officers in Adelaide this morning.

Mallett, aged 34, said be

Mallett, aged 34, sald he aggravated an injury taking a catch in the gully off Geoff Boycott in the third Test against England in Melbourne 10 days ago. "I couldn't get my arm above my shoulder without excruciating pain on the last day of the Tests", he said. "I've had daily treatment since but it hasn't improved much." Mallett said he would be un-Majett saig ne would be un-able to get through three Test matches in five weeks, and he was also in doubt for at least part of the remaining Sheffield Shield



Mallett: forced out of tour by a shoulder injury.

"Naturally I'm disappointed.
I'm told the Pakistan pitches would suit my type of bowling.", he said. "I hope I will be considered for the Australian team for the Centenary Test in England in August," Mallett Joins Ian Chappell, Jeff Thomson, Len Pascoe, Rick Mc-Cosker and Jim Higgs in missing

the Pakistan tour. The party leaves for Pakistan on Sunday. Day on, day off: A solar eclipse will give the Indian and England Cricketers a rest day on Saturday, the day after the Jubilee Tess starts in Bombay on Friday. The rest day was originally fixed for the Monday of the five-day match.—Reuter.

### Lloyd does not rule out possibility of victory defeat for

Dunedin, Feb 11.—The West Indies captain, Clive Lloyd, has not given up hope of his side beating New Zealand in the first Test which resumes bere tomorrow after the rest day. West indies some problems in New Indies are 31 runs behind with nine second innings wickets in hand, but Lloyd is confident his batsmen will show renewed application after collapsing to 140 all out in the first innings.

"We have to aim for a total of more than 350," Lloyd said.
"It could be quite an interesting finish if we can bat through to-morrow, and that Roberts finish if we can bar through to-morrow and into the final day. If we do, we could play ourselves into a good position."

The slower pitches and colder weather, contrasting with contomorrow, and that Roberts should be fit for the next match.

SCORMS: West Indies 140 (D. L. Haynes 55, D. J. Hadler 5-34; and 18 for 1; New Zesland 249 (B. A. Edger 65, R. J. Hadles 51; Router,

### Victoria move up to challenge

Melbourne, Feb 11.-Victoria moved to second place in the sheffield Shleid standings when they beat Queensland by mine wickets on the final day of the four-day match here today. Victoria have 91 points, seven behind the leaders. New South Wales, with two games to play.

However, Victoria will be withour their captain, Yallon be with-ner, Bright, and opening bats-man, Wiener, who have been chosen for Australia's tour of Pakistan this month.

### Transvaal in reach of cup

Durban, Feb 11.-Transvaal were virtually assured of retaining South Africa's championship with a victory by 10 wickets over Natal here today. A haul of 23 points put Transvaal 27 ahead of second placed Western Province, who have two games left. Transvaal have one to play. Third-placed Nami's hopes of winning the title ended when they took only three points against Transvaal. SCORES: Transvaal 352 for 7 feet C. Peliot 158. C. Rice 1103 and 32 for no tricket. Natal 150 and 24. Transvast 110 collists 1. Western Province 83. 3.

# Seven-wicket

young England
Bridgetown, Peb 11.—Mark
Neita, of Jamaica, bit an aggressive 68 to steer West Indies to a seven-wicket win over England in the third and final youth Ttest soon after lunch here today. West Indies, who took the series 2-0, burried from an overnight score of 11 for no wicket to their target of 143 after the start was delayed by rain. Despite a lighting 93 yesterday by Steven O'Shaughnessy, England were unable to set a more demanding score on an easy paced pitch.

The Guyanese fast bowler, Ray The Guyanese last bowler, Ray Joseph, and the Jamaican leg spinner, Robert Haynes, took three wickets each as England, 99 runs behind on first innungs, and 18 for no wicket overnight, gradually subsided to 241 all out. O'Shaughnessy, of Lancashire, who scored \$1 in the first ionings, played another fine lunings.

The West Indies captain, Marlon Tucker, supplemented his fast Tucker, supplemented his fast attack with the spin of Haynes, Roger Harper, and himself, but it was the fast bowler, Lester Forde, who eventually removed O'Shaughnessy.

O'Snaughnessy had joined Ian Butcher with the score 44 for one and in a stubburn innings, which contained seven fours, he made a total hid to save England from defeat. He was trapped leg before as he prodded forward to a ball when the score was 207.

SCORRE England 192 18. O'Skouph-SCORES; England 102 IR. D'Shaugh-nossy RI: L. Forde 4 for 37; and 241 I O'Shaughnessy 93; West Indies 271 and 143 for 3 (44. Neim 64).— Reuter

From Peter Ryde
Honolulu, Feb 11
The Hawaiian Open championship ended here vesterday with a
beanfeast of birdies. Andy Bean's
winning total of 266 was 2 record
for the 15 years of the event, one
lower than the winning total of
last year scored by Hubert Green
who this time failed to qualify.
Bean Jinished 22 under pair and
for the last three rounds he did
not drop a shot to par and averaged seven under pair.
Whether such a result will persuade the club to stiften some
of its holes may be doubted, for
if ever there was a place where
golf should he enjoyed, this must
be it. A better way to judge
Bean's stall is a look, at his playing of the long holes. He was
the only one of the leaders who
scored a birdie at all four, and
they are the toughest feature of
the course. Bean, for all his
power, needed a three-wood at
each of them and hit all four of
them, going closest at the ninth
where from the rough he hit the
ball to 10ft.

Lee Trevino, who came closest
to stopping Bean, could not match

place ite in the Hawaiian Open, moved into the lead in 1980 United States tour earnings with \$75,125, the Professional Golfers' Associa-

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out a little stronger this year he-cause I miled off toward the end of last year. I think that I've accomplished that."

of the year, made a brief chal-lenge for the lead and finished with a three-under-par 285, tied with Sandra Spuzich. The win was

Miss Balauck's fourth in Florida since the beginning of the 1978 season. She picked up the winner's cheque for \$15,000 (about £7,000).

Nancy Lopez, the 1979 player

nyoung son at school in California.

His play, especially on the last day when he sank to a 75, looked a tired display. That is not offered as an excuse—he certainly would not want that—but though he soil walked with a ramrod lack and adopted the familiar taut forward-leaning putting stance, the old aggressive spirit with the long from which we used to look for was missing. He still appears to go his own way, with all the advantages and disadvantages that entails, but he does not lack friends. He was paired to the final round with Don January.

Aoki came back into the picture with a 67 which pleased the body of Japanese journalists who made the trip, Like several others whose wanted matter he has said he intends to play at Murfield in our Open, and hopes to precede an appearance in the World Marchplay Championship with the Dunlop Masters, Not all top players plan to come over for the Open. Burns for one is not sure, but a good many seem in no doubt. Lee Trevino, who came closest to stopping Bean, could not match him in this field. He said with as near a straight face as he ever gets that he would like to abolish all par-five holes, but he did not speak in any spirit of envy, because he is not an envious man and he must have been pleased to come as close as he did in his first appearance this year. Some of the vitality has gone from his manner—the bounce is not so obvious—the lines on his face surmagner—the bounce is not so ob-vious—the lines on his face sur-gest he has had his troubles in the past year or two. It was therefore a lift for everyone to find him making such a good start to the season.

Peter Obsterhuis was not in a condition to stand the pace of what almost became an outcub.

No 27 for Miss Blalock

what almost became an onrish.

Most of his better performances have been on sterner courses and be still needs time to reach his best. He returns to the mainland ogst. He returns to me maintaid for two more tournaments, after which he will take a break, going to South Africa where his in-laws live before taking part in the Kenya Open. Money winners: George Burns with wan 514.300 for a fourth

He snorts at himself when he thinks that he has for the moment back into the rop 60. The start he made here last week was a modest one. He won 51,100 in a tle for 42nd, but at least it was a start. Hitherto in all tournaments this year he had picked up no more than \$1,500 in

captured her 27th official women's Professional Golf Association title here today, aithough Debbie Mas-

sey and Jerilyn Britz made her struggle.

The 34-year-old native of New Hampshire capped the win with a final round 74. Her 283 total was

five under par for the four rounds over the 6,311-yard Turnberry Isle

Country Club course.

Miss Mussey and Miss Britz, who

staged a dramatic duel in last year's United States Women's Open championship, which Miss Britz won, finished strongly today with rounds of 69 and 71, respec-tively. Their 284 totals were four under par.

under par.

Miss Blalock, who opened the round with a four-shot lead, and saw it dwindle to one on the final hole, said: "I wanted to come

Lee Trevino, who came closest

Tennis

### **Borg fights** back for grand slam victory

unofficial prize money. His open-ing round of 67 groved to be the false dawn it always locked, but it was good to see the smile back on that face shill capable of look-ing howish. At its best his swing showed a slightly longer are and a better thythm than before. Boca, West, Florida, Feb 10.—
Sweden's Bjorn Borg recovered after losing the second set to beat Vitas Gerulaitis, 6—1, 5—7, 6—1 and take the \$300,000 grand stam tennis tournament. Gerulaitis fell behind in the first set after Borg opened the match by breaking his opponent's service. The Swede breezed to a 4—0 lead before Gerulaitis could win a game.

The turning point in the second set came in the eleventh game when Gerulaitis, taking advantage of several simple errors by Borg, broke service and took a 6—5 lead. Gerulaitis held his service to take the set. Gerulaitis has never beaten Borg in 16 meetings. The three-day tournament manched the winners of the four traditional grand slam tournaments, the United States, Wimble-dox, Australian and French opens. Borg beat Argentina's Villas 6—2, 6—1 on Friday in the semifinal round, while Gerulaitis beaf John McEnroe 5—5, 6—4 in Saturday's semi-finals, McEuroe beat Vilas 8—7 in the tie-breaker today in the third-place consolation manch.—Renter. a better thythm than before.

Obsterhuis has good comracts toll running and the time is not yet for him to consider whether the game is worth the candle over here. What is clear is that to move back to Europe would now mean, for him as well as for his family, a great upheatal. He has three bauses in the United States, two on the West Coast and one in Tampa, Florida, He has 3 young con at school in California, His play especially on the last

CALCARY: Women's singles final Mides R. Narsikova / Crechelovakia hear' Mides C. Johnson (Switzerland 6—6. —6. —2.

### Win in straight sets for Miss Navratilova

Los Angeles, Feb 11.—Martina Navratilova confirmed her status as the top-ranked women's professional player in the world, when she won the Avon women's tournament here yesterday by defeating the second-ranked Tracy Austin of the United States in straight sets.

straight sets.

Miss Navratilova, who has lost
only two sets in 57 singles and
doubles sets played so far in 1980,
brushed aside Miss Austin 6—2. 6—0. In the first set she served three aces and broke Miss Austin's service twice. She added three service breaks in the second set winning a first prize of 24,000

dollars. Mise Nevratilova, who has their 12 meetings, said: "I was much more dominant from the baseline. I can do that when I'm ahead. Tracy didn't really play up

ahead. Tracy didn't really play up to par."

Miss Austic said her back hurt when she got up yesterday and it stiffened during practice before the match: "After I won last week (in Seattle! I got a blister." she said. "It got infected and later it turned into a blood blister. I know it sounds like I'm making excuses, but I couldn't lunge for the hall today.

excuses, but I couldn't lunge for the hall today.
"I was disappointed because my family was here. I should have played a lot steadler and hit deeper. She's got 19 wins in a row, but at the end of last year I beat her four times in a row, so there is still hope." The last time Miss Austin lost a set to love was against Evome Cawley in October.
Miss Navratilova also pertnered in October.

Miss Navratilova also partnered
Rosemary Casals to win the
doubles title over the team of
Kathy Jordan and Anne Smith.—

Rugby Union

# Smith is confident of playing against Wales

Saturday.

Smith aggravated the injury in helping Lancashire to the county championship title last weekend, and played only a minor role in the England party's training session at Stourbridge last night. But he said: "The strain is not too serious and has improved a lot in the 48 hours aloce Saturday's game. The selectors have given me until Thursday afternoon, when we have our main workout, to prove that I am 100 per cent. that I am 100 per cent.

"I'll be havin gtreatment twice a day until Thursday then I should be alright. It's a funny thing but the last time I pulled out of an England side, against Wales In 1974, we won. Jan Webster came in to take my place. Maybe that's an omen."

an omen."

Smith did not join in the England warm-up or in any vigorous work, confining himself to throwing passes for his backs. The sesion took place before an admiring crowd of around 2,000 under the Stoutbridge lights. The local enthusiasts turned out in droves as a sign of their appreciation of England's two wins this season and their new-found status in the championship.

Flanker Roger Urtley, centre Nick Preston and one of the reserve backs, Alan Old were over an hour late for the session. They were held up by a traffic jam on the M6 motorway but

larer joined their colleagues from evening of scrummaging and practice of three-quarter moves against players provided by the local club.

local club.

The coach, Mike Davis, gave, the forwards a comparatively-easy time, making them rehearse only 50 scrums compared with the gruelling 70 that he put them through five days before the victory in Paris. "We are still consolidating from the Frenchmatch which, in itself, built on our achievements in the first victory against Ireland", he said afterwards. "The team have shown that they can use effectively what they polish up in practice."

practice."

Davis has high hopes that Twickenham will give England a crucial advantage. He said: "Indon't think the players in recent-England teams have realized how important playing at home should be. Other sides don't like playing there but sometimes, it has been made easier for them than it should be."

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Rugby League

# Favourable wind blows the trawlermen home again the big competition, particularly after traveiling to Wigan to win-last Saturday. Hull, having won-11 matches in a row will have a no fears whatever, since the Boulevard ground atrike terror into the hearts of even the mightiest visiting sides, and York hardly come into that category. There are some splendid intercounty battles in prospect, will Warrington v Leeds and St Helen's Bradford Northern, fixtures to bring whoops of delight for lovers.

Any Huli trawier owner will tell

Any Hull trawier owner will tell you that a good catch can only be ensured by a fair wind and a favourable tide. The maxim applies to the city's Rugby League sides, who were swept to the Floodlit Cup final on a tide of home draws, and who find themselves drawn at home again in the second round of the State Express Chellenge Cup.

The matches will be played on Saturday week, Rovers will entertain Castleford and their neighbours from across the river will be hosts to York. Neither, on the surface, appears to have much to surface, appears to have much to fear. Castleford are struggling to keep out of the bottom four, while

York seem already doomed to Rovers, who have never won the Challenge Cup throughout their distinguished history, will feel they need a little luck in

bring whoops of delight for lovers of well-matched, exclung des. Both Leeds and Bradford Northern are among the Cup favourites, and they will be tested to the full at Wilderspeol and Knowsley Second round draw: ield i Vitines v Nakrijeld Frinity, Homels v Sallord,

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and A. Barker (GB).

Racing

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# main rival with respect

By John Karter

Sparten Missie, one of the outstanding hunter-chasers of recent years, should season an otherwise unappedzing day for spectators when he runs in the Air Wedding Bunter Steeplechase at Warwick this afternoon. The race is part of a steady build-up to what may culminate in the most ambitious of targets—an attempted Chelten-ham Gold Cup—Grand National double.

A prolific winner in hunter events in the past few seasons, Spartan Missile has long been seen by many experienced judges as likely to reach the top in "open" company, too. Certainly he has the speed, stamina, Jumping ability and temperament to do just that and gave the most positive demonstration of this when as a dryear-old he finished second to Strombolus in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park.

Spartan Missile let his followers down heavily when be was thumped by King Kong II on the the same course on his reap-pearance this season. In retrospect his run was not as disappointing as it might have seemed, because Spartan Missile was conceding 71b to King Kong and that horse sub-sequently best a good field at

As far as today's race is concerned, Spartan Missile should win comfortably. even though the distance of two and a half miles is short of his best. There is one rival who must be respected, however. This is Rolls Rambler, who may be no King Kong, bur will not easily be made a monkey of. Rolls Rambler looked a hunterchaser of infinite promise when he won his last five races two seasons won his last five races two seasons

ago, but he then developed leg trouble and had to miss the whole of last season. He has been hunted regularly in recent months, however, and the offending leg appears to ge setting along well with the other three.

with the other three.

Fred Winter, the trainer of Rolls Rambler, will be hoping to win the opening race, the first division of the Ryton Novices' Hurdle, with Drive Past, who won his first race, at Worcester, on the disqualification of Caubeen. However, Drive Past then ran inexplicably badly behind Pirate Son on this course and it may pay to 'take a chance with Shantung Lad, who ran with promise in the same race—his first—and will be receiving 11 lb (including the rider's allowance) from Drive Past. Shantung Lad's trainer. Fulke Walwyn, could also take the second division of this race with Captain Birdseye, who ran so well when fifth to Asmar at Sandown.

The soundest bet at Carlisle may

# Spartan Missile must treat | Game Birds Nest acquits himself well

By Michael Seely

Birds Nest won the Wolverhampton Champion Hurdle Trial for the third time yesterday. In the most exciting finish ever seen for this always informative race, Birds Nest beat Celtic Ryde by a short head, with Connaught Ranger four lengths away third.

The race was packed with incident. At the third flight of hurdles Birds Nest was unsighted and made a mistake which threw Andy Turnell on to the horse's neck. The pair soon recovered but immediately afterwards The Brothers created a further diversion by runding out at the bend passing the stables.

Racing towards the home straight, that amazing old mare, Saucy Dove, was making the running, tracked by Connaught Ranger with Birds Nest moving easily not far behind. In direct comrast, Celtic Ryde; who had been off the bridle from the start, was given some sharp reminders by Joha O'Neill after jumping the fifth hurdle.

At the second hurdle from home

At the second hurdle from home

Caprain Birdseye, who ran so well when fifth to Asmar at Sandown? The soundest bet at Carlisle may be Gordon Richards's improving seven-year-old, Cape Felix, who in the second hurdle from home consultative florery Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday, Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday. Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday, Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday. Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday, Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on Saturday. Henry Rissinger's mission undiplomatically at Wolverhampton on the flat, they touched down on the flat, Birds Nest so on one constitution of the lead. However, despite the advantage, but halfway up the race is an interesting little and the claimpton of the Rismondor of the R



characteristically aluggish race, he receives 91b from the likes of Monksfield in Ireland and must be deemed to have run a satisfactory trial for that race. Fred Rimell was not too disappointed with Conneught Ranger. "This is not my horse's track and it will be a different story up the hill at Cheltenham", he

Philip Blacker, Pollardstown's jockey, watched the race from the stands and, although he refused to be drawn, was obviously not unduly worried by what he had seen. The bookmakers shared his view. Ladbrokes reported having laid Monksfield to lose \$8,000 at and Monkstield to lose 28,000 at 4-1 and now have the dual Champion Hurdle winner and Pollardstown as their joint favourites at 3-1, with Sea Pigeon at 5-1. However, yesterday's trial has always attracted a high-class field and it is high time that the race was awarded pattern stams.

awarded pattern status.

Winning return: Cavity Hunter, off the course for nearly three months with the virus, delighted his trainer. Tony Dickieson, by landing the Castle and Anchor Handicap Steeplechase at Stockton yesterday. Having the soft ground, Cavity Hunter was held up by Tommy Carmondy in the early stages; River Sirene, the outsider of the four runners, swept into the lead after two out, but Cavity Hunter joined him at the last. River Sirene fell at this obstacle, leaving Cavity Hunter to coast home by one and a half lengths from Cumbria.

Dickinson said: "I am delighted with the way Cavity Hunter ran with the way Cavity Hunter ran after being off the course for so after long.

STATE OF GOING (official): Car-lisie: heavy 'hurdless': soft no fur-ther inspections 'steepjechase,' War-wick. anti steepjechase: heavy 'hurdless' Toniorrow: Bangor: good to soft, Ascor good to best from last feace to finish on steeplechase course -soft.

Carlisle programme

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2 000407 Survey Lad, W. Smith, 7:11-0 Mr. U. Wurph, 1000002 Mr. Research, V. Thompson, 7:11-8 Mr. J. Wallon, 10000002 Mr. Research, 2. Portival, 12-11-7 R. F. Davics, 12-12-7 R. F. D

2.15 KINGMOOR CHASE (Handicap: £787: 2m) 2 45 HETHERSGILL BURDLE (Handicap: £671: 3m 100vd)

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3.45 KIRKLINGTON CHASE (Novices: £726: 2m)

4.15 HEADS NOOK HURDLE (4y-o novices; £466; 2m; 330yd)

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8 00 James Ward, J. Wilson, 11-0 T. Mrs. Carmids

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7-4 Cool Down, 3-2 Kiltov Manor, 5-1 Barrow, 8-1 Dojumote, Tamby Ward,

13-1 Snuppet, 20-1 Very Friendly, Doubiful runner,

Carlisle selections

By John Karter 1.45 Another Penetop. 2.15 Crofton Hall. 2.45 Grecian Fighter. 3.15 High Rebel. 3.45 Cape Felix. 4.15 Cool Down.

Stockton results |

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Twilight Gold. 9-1 Yallu (1: 20-1)

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### Warwick programme 2.0 RYTON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 4-y-o: £573: 2m)

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Warwick selections

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# Bernard Levin

# Labour: the quick and the dead

The apple, it is said, does not fall far from the tree. A good deal of well bred surprise is the TUC" to get "a voluntary agreement" on such matters as secondary picketing. fall far from the tree. A good deal of well bred surprise is being expressed at the por-trait of Mr Callaghan that is emerging from the Diaries of Lady Castle (themselves even more relentlessly and comically self-justifying than those of Richard Crossman), at any rate in the excerpts serialized in .The Sunday Times; the portrait in question is of a man whose instinctive and invariable response to a political crisis, or even problem, is to run away, pausing only to betray those of his colleagues who prefer not to. I have dis-cussed Mr Callaghan's almost uniquely shabby political career too recently to want to go over it again in detail, and in any case Lady Castle, an a names to any political mat-ter in which she has an inter-est, strikes me as hardly more reliable than the splendide number, Sir Harold Wilson, himself. But it was a little-naticed remark at Question naticed remark at Question Time the other day that brings

consideration of the present role of the Opposition in gen-The subject was trade union law, and Mr Callaghan was cuestioning the Prime Minister. In doing so, he made clear what his view was of the problems posed by the present extent of the present extent tent of trade union immunity from any legal consequences of their or their members' actions.

me back to Mr Callaghan, not in an approach ad hominem, but in a context that calls for

There was, of course, a sound of approval, somewhere between a murmur and a roar—say a groan — from Mr Callaghan's back benches. It was, after all, to elicit that response that the remark was made; Mr Callaghan's beleagured condition (it seems quite possible that he is literally the only member of the parliamentary party who wants that he must from time to time try to astroct genuine support, as there is a limit to what even he can do in the way of shoring up his position by shuffling, gerrymandering, and hiding

All the same there it was: the only proposal for trade union reform that the Leader of the Opposition thinks fix to pur forward is to dig the rotting carpse of Solomon Binding out of its grave and give it the kiss of life. I suppose we should not be surprised when the politically moribund advocate political necrophilia, but the episode does, as I have suggested, throw some light upon the attitude of the Opposition to the present industrial and trade union crisis an attitude which, to some extent at any rate, must be reflected in the position of its leader.

There are a number of possible courses of action that a future Labour Government might adopt for dealing with trade union power. One way-Fe urged the Government to it can be called for convenience willing to do anything that is the Michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the first and instead to "call hand the government of the what is needed will not help the overwhelmingly. The second that is the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version—is to needed to help the country if the michael Foot version —is the michael Foot version—is the michael Foot version—is the michael Foot version—is the michael Foot version —is the michael Foot versi

leaders, after making sure with legislation that resistance to such a government is impossible. Another would be to do something along the lines of the previous I about attents in the previous Labour attempt in the form of In Place of Strife. Another would be to do a deal with the union barons; secure their consent to some elementary legislation on, say, picket-ing by paying them off with an extension of their power to ruin the country's industry. Another would be disestablishment; to break the link between the Labour Party and the unions and go for genuine political

independence,

they were.

And so or. But the only suggestion of what might be done that has actually been is Mr Callaghan's proposal that there should be a verbal commitment by the trade unions to the government, coupled with a real commitment (that is, to drop the legislation altogether) the other way round. It will hardly be supposed that a Labour govern-ment would take a more posi-tive line than a Labour opposition recommends to a Conservative government, and we may therefore conclude that that would indeed be Labour policy next time as it was last: to pretend to believe assurances which are not true, and which would be unenforceable even if

. The truth is that the Parliamentary Labour Parry, front benches es well as back, and right as well as left, is no longer party. From the Benns and the Foots, the Hattersleys and It is a truth far deeper at Callaghans, I would expect nothing else; indeed, I am not our society that those who at even surprised by the extent to which some Labour members have offered support to those Labour local authorities who have indicated, and in some cases proudly proclaimed, that they intend to defy the law. But once-and it is not necessary to go back as far as Gaitskell. let alone Arriee, to find the evidence—there would have been a vigorous, powerfully supported, persistent and vocal element in the Labour party

making contrary views heard. Let us leave out questions of right and wrong, patriotism and the lack of it. Let us talk solely in terms of political self-interest. In the first 1974 elec-tion. Mr Callaghan was urging on the miners to insist on their pay-claim, and promising them Labour was back in office they would get it met in full. Had Labour been in office during the miners' strike of that year, Mr Calleghan would have been a member—a disloyal and politically self-serving member, no doubt, but a member—of a government resisting the claim in question. Did it do the cause of Labour any good in the long run, that public announcement that any sufficiently powerful union could demand what terms it liked? To be sure, it helped to make Mr Callaghan leader, and thus Prime Minister, but did the excesses of union power

far wider than any question of trade unions and their place in our society that those who are given power will use it. The Labour Party, last time it was in Opposition encouraged the trade union movement to demand power; when the Opposition became government, it was obliged to meet that demand; heaped up, pressed down and running over. Did the ful-filling of the demand lessen, or increase, the further demands that were immediately made, and were fulfilled in turn? And now there are still further demands, which a Labour government will, if the Labour Opposition continues on its present course, be obliged to meet in turn, with the same consequences. They know—even Mr Callaghan knows—what the consequences will ultimately be, and they know that they, too, will go down in the ruin attendent upon those consequences. But the lust for immediate political power is such that it anaesthetizes the consciousness of that knowledge, and per-suades a once honourable party, once led by honourable men, that it is right to deal the country what may—what, if it is not partied, will—be a fatal blow, if doing so will make

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### mill in Warsaw, Prague or Budapest had East and West on the brink of a third world war. This over-reaction may have died down, but acute anxiety continues, not least that the end of détente will bring about a sharp deterioration in the political climate. This mood was exacerbated by President Tito's illness, for his survival

lity.

The atmosphere of uncertainty in eastern Europe is for the underlying noteworthy for the underlying trends in the area that it treveals. Essentially, these revolve around the weakness of the links between rulers and ruled, the sense of helplessness felt by the population, the feeling that they have little control over policies pursued by their governments and the absence of mutual trust by

In the West, the unfolding of

the Afghanistan crisis has been

followed with concern, but in

eastern Europe the reaction

has been close to hysteria. Par-ticularly in the days after the

invasion, popular response was one of extreme apprehen-siveness. There have been

reports of panic buying of basic foodstuffs, like flour, lard and salt and the rumour

either party in the other:
Even after 35 years in power, communist parties have largely failed to strike deep roots in eastern Europe. Their rule is accepted conditionally and improvements in the standard of living are wel-comed, but the threat of Soviet

of these parties to rule is tolerated only in so far as they provide steady increases in the stendard of living, absolute job security, welfare benefits and the right not to have to work very hard. In this sense, the political legitimacy of communist rule in eastern Europe rests on a narrow base and one which is largely outside the

control of these parties.

The dangers of building political links principally on shifting economic factors were shown in Poland in 1976, when the government's decision to raise meat prices provoked widespread demonstrations and resulted in the immediate res-cioding of the increases. What should have been nothing more than a matter of supply and demand had been transformed Into an issue central to political stability, over which the Polish authorities had largely

The Polish population had the power to interdict certain official policies, but it could not initiate policies for itself, as the mechanism for this is absent in eastern Europe.

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tions that would strengthen This inability to u ulation. The institutions do exist—trade unions, the press, parliaments, local government and the youth movements—are largely façades. Their operations are controlled by the Communist Party and they are generally regarded

as manipulated.

The last attempt to transform the political system and to provide for political participation was the ill-fated Czechoslovak reform programme of
1968. Since then communist
parties have been obliged to
maintain a swictly defined
"leading role"—political
monopoly—something to which
they do not object to street they do not object too stren-nously. They know that if they do, the Brezhnez docurine would act as a deterrent.

Instead of political reform east European parties were encouraged by the Soviet Union to choose another path. This was the concept baunched in the early 1970s. It consisted of avoiding any scrious reform which might involve decen-

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Why cracks are widening

in eastern Europe

The short term benefits of this The stort term benefits of this policy were high. Political change with its attendant dangers was off the agenda and, furthermore, economic expansion in the 1970s was largely financed by the West. This policy might even have had a longer term success had it not been for the economic downturn that hit the West after 1973. æfter 1973.

semi-nudity.

For some years, the east Europeans pretended that comed; but the threat of Soviet power is what ensures the survival of communist rule most effectively.

This must be seen as a major political failure. In effect, if means that the right of these parties to rule is tolerared only in so far as they provide steady increases in the were raised throughout eastern Europe; fuel and energy were worst affected, but foodstuffs, and services all cost more. On the whole, these increases went through fairly smoothly. There were minor signs restiveness—the odd stoppage or demonstrationbut no widespread unrest.

But the auguries for the 1980s are barsh. Real wages are set to stagnate—in Hungary they actually declined in 1979—and the terms of trade bave swung against eastern Europe. It may be that in the 1980s ruling parties will come to regret that they ignored the maxim of the sensible conservative—"we must change a little in order that we may stay the same "and their failure to make the essential minimum of political changes.

Stagnation and fear of change became the hallmarks of east European politics in the 1970s. The Communist parties themselves illustrated the trend all too crearly. While they have retained the rhetoric This gap is one of the keys to of revolutionary transformation and the class struggle, Europe's political structure. They adhere as far as they can The communists have been un- to a practice of less than the

on the part of the communists. After 35 years in power, cast European communist parties have run out of steam. They have presided over a dash for modernity and have successfully begun the process of transforming traditional socie-ties. But they have been un-

able to go beyond this. Their great historical achievement has been to create conditions in which the bulk of the population is above starva-tion level. Otherwise, their only real success has been to hold on to power despite their unpopularity. In all other respects, communist parties can be fairly judged as politically and intellectually bankrupt, as rather corrupt bureaucracies holding on to power.

The process of the decline of Marxism-Leninism has left the east European parties in a state of ideological semiparties are left with much more vulnerable justifications for their political monapoly. These may be reduced to nationalism, i.e. that the party rules in the name of the nation, and rationality, that the party rules because it alone is best fitted to exercise the role of the most rational arbitrary. the most rational arbiter and policy maker in society.

The party's attempts to use nationalism have major pitfails, most vitally that communist parties are seen as alien, antinational agencies of Soviet power. Hence they cannot push too far their identification of nationhood and the rule of the party. The Romanian party, which has some farshest in this direction, has certainly found popular support through nationalism, but its anti-Soviet policies have constrained it to pursue strict centralism and anti-liberalism, so that even in the field of consumption, Romania has been lagging behind the rest of eastern

Europe.
Similarly the claim to supreme rationality is undermined by the contrast between the party's rhetoric and every-day experience. The flourishing secondary economy, the scarcities, the burgeoining corruption, the blatant self-seek-ing of the bureaucracy, the arbitrariness of the legal institu-tions and the police and the growing social inequality all tell the same story of the fail-

by the party.

The ending of social mobility is only the most vivid example of this. Communist parties are ostensibly commit-ted to social equality and to advancing the interests of the proletariat. In their first decade of rule, the parties did, in fact, effect a great social transformation, as they promoted a new generation of communist intellectuals, office holders and menagers. But we holders and managers. But, as Dr Walter Connor demonstrates in his book Socialism, Poli-tics and Equality (Columbia University Press), since then eastern Europe has become so rigidly stratified chances of someone from the peasantry or the working class moving into the intelligentyla are virtually nil.

What makes this that the new middle strate have largely adopted the values and ways of the prewar elite and cling tensciously to their privileges. To cap this, under communism, there is only one avenue of upward mobility adversion, and the mobility education and that is rigidly controlled by the new class. Before the communist takeover, there was some chance of self-advancement through private enterprise, but

that avenue has been closed. This social rigidity is also a source of weakness because it.

it likely to modify the shipe and the content of politics. In the 1960s, parties bought themselves domestic stability by granting the middle strata access to money, privileges and a little power. This was a rel-This inability to undertake because it involved few people. political renewal is not only startling in terms of Marxist emergence of a second generation working class that will not consumption alone as its take consumption alone as its take consumption alone as its sole gim in society. This generation will slowly come to i demand greater political control over its existence and that, will inevitably give rise to real class politics. The dangers of this are evident—communist this are evident—communist parties are singularly ill-fitted to provide for such conflicts in

> It is often tempting to be attracted by spocalyptic outcomes in analysing eastern Europe. It is, however, unlikely that in the 1930s the area will undergo any great convul-sion such as marked the end of Stalinism in the 1950s. What is rather more likely is recurrent political weakness, compounded by economic weakness and mounting social friction. The 1980s seem likely to be a far more eventful decade in cestern Europe—at the very least—than the 1970s were.

George Schöpflin which might involve decentralization or participation and it tried to secure popular acquiescence in official policies the "revolution" or the "class at the London School of Econothrough consumer satisfaction.

# The balance between individual and state

Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal (pictured right), delivered a speech in Cambridge last Thursday simply entitled Conscriptism. It was in fact a powerful argument against the Government's economic policy, and we publish here an extended extract as a contribution to the growing debate in and outside the Cabinet.

6 There is, or should be, no Conservative hostility to the stope. There is no Conservative dogma about the state and the individual. Conservatives do not see these as mutually antigenistic entities, but as mutually dependent and mutualiv sustaining entities.

Conservative political thought is wholly opposed to the socolled night-watchman state. Conservatives believe it to be impossible as well as undesirzhie. It is impossible because ruch a state unuid not survive encent as an authoritarion or totalitarion regime,

A free state will not survive unless its people feel loyalty to it. And they will not feel loyelty unless they gain from the state protection and other benefits. Loctures on the ultimate benethe dangers of interfering with selves. market forces will not satisfy Yet, it is obvious that there reaple who are in trouble. If see many families and in-the state is not interested in dividuals who find it difficult them, why should they be in-

torograd in the state? In the Conservative view, therefore, economic liberalism, it la Professor Hayek, because of its stackness and its failure to create a sense of community. freedom but a threat to it.

And Conservatives believe the night-watchman state is undesirable hecause they know that there are certain things that only governments can do. In 1887 President Cleveland office had to be redressed not record a Bill to send \$10,000 to least because we simply could

victims of drought, saying:
"Federal aid in such cases...
weakens the sturdiness of our national character." That was liberal dogma at its worst.

Conservatives, on the contrary, believe with Burke that government is "a contrivence of human wisdom to provide for human wants". Only liberal ideologues, : ot Conservatives, are fundamentally opposed to the welfare state.

Indeed the welfare state is a thoroughly conservative institu-tion—which is why Conserva-tives did so much to bring it into existence—and its roots go deep into British history.

Certainly for Conservatives the family comes before the state as the primary social unit. Families and individuals should as far as possible be encouraged ficence of competition and on and helped to look after them-

Yet, it is obvious that there of or impossible to look after themselves. I represent a relatively prosperous constitu-ency, but even in Chesham and Amersham there are many people who undoubtedly need help from the state or from

local government.

What the proportion of state help should be, and how much money should be spent on the social services is a matter of judgment. For myself, I think there is no doubt that the balance when we came into office had to be redressed not



not afford to go on as we were. But gradual change is siways electoral reasons among others, and people need to be con-vinced that they will be better off, not worse off, as a result of periods of Conservative government. We have to carry the country with us.

It would be foolish to forget this, to think that we can ignore the social and political consequences of what we do. Of course, the world economic crisis, the need to reverse years of relative decline, labour's economic legacy and Russla's strength will make it difficult to meet people's expectations and ambitions in the next few years. But the size of our task suggests that we should be even more mindful than usual of political considerations. We must not make the same mistake as Marx and give economic considerations primacy over political ones.

There are of course a few basic rules. First, there is a limit to how much change the public can accept and under-stand, especially if it is forced through at too fast a pace. Second, it would be difficult to retain a bare minimum of public sympathy and support during the painful period of adjustment through which our economy must pass if there was a sharp decline in ordinary people's living standards. Third, we must spell out time and again the purpose of our pro-gramme, for exemple of the spending cuts we have been obliged to make.

We want to see more nursery schools and hospitals and better care for the needy, but we will not be able to afford them un-til we have made the sort of

which Bacon and Eltis wrote so convincingly a few years ago.

Fourth, as unemployment rises rapidly this year, we will have to demonstrate not only concern for the social implications but also imagination about the reforms of the labour market and of pay bergaining which would help to crease jobs rather than destroy them. The justification of state help

and welfare is that it enlarges freedom by diminishing poverty and by increasing security. The welfare state is therefore an essential ingredient in the political community. But the extent to which help is provided by way of subsidies or by insur-ance or by voluntary bodies or by self-help as a result of lower texation and a more successful economy, and the extent to which social services are financed by taxation or charges, do not seem to me to be matters of fundamental principle.

The right conservative atti-tude to state interference in the economy is to my mind similar to the attitude to the welfare state I have just outlined.

A mixed or free economy is a necessary condition of freedom. all economic power is in the hands of the state, all political power will be in the hands of the state, and inevitably there will be tyranuy. That seems to me both theoretically impregnable and empirically true.

Conservatives therefore favour a free or mixed economy. And indeed some of thom favour only a free economy and are convinced that a mixed economy can not work and will lead to socialism and tyranny. Here I think they have fallen for the blandishments of Liberal ideologues like von Mises and Professor Havek . . .

.. If the people will not accept capitalism as such, it will do little good to tell them nothing else is compatible with democracy. Confronted with such a choice, they may well opt for In his book, The Middle Way,
Harold Macmilian expressed
his helief that "if capitalism
had been conducted all along as if the theory of private enterprise were a matter of principle", and all intervention by the state had been resisted, "We should have had civil war long ago". In other words the

party has always

as to make it acceptable to the electorate, while ensuring that those modifications do not spell the end of democracy.

the end of democracy.

... It seems to me fairly clear that two of the reasons why we have fallen economically so far behind most of our competitors is, that we have such a large public sector and we have a good deal more governmental interference in the economy than most of them. I believe we would do better if believe we would do better if we had more of a market

It is on these points that most of the differences between Conservatives have in the past arisen. There has been one further point of difference: some of the free marker school have not always seemed to realize that even in countries with economies much freer than ours, there is a good deal of novernmental interference and that even if our economy was working much more efficiently than it is there would still be plenty of scope for governmen-tal activity.

The interventionist state and the welfare state are not going to go away. That is something, as I have indicated, which I welcome. Those who believe otherwise have, in my view, fallen into the trap of ideology and dosmo-which is or should be to Conservatives the unpardonable sin.

Nevertheless, by pruning government intervention and by reducing the powers of the bureaucrecy, we shall not only be helping the aconomy we shall be building up the authority of government—since it is partly because of excessive state interference that the authority of government has been undermined. And since Conservatives believe as much in authority as in freedom since indeed they believe the two things to be in-separable, the preservation of the authority of the state is one of their primary concerns.

But, to repeat, that authority would not be preserved by an attempt to remove the state from the economy altogether. The great Conservative task is rather to conjure up a bester economic performance through more freedom for the individual while at the same time preserving a sense of community...

# LONDON DIARY

### The Gladstone factor

Have you noticed the extra-ordinary fascination that Mr Gl:dstone seems to hold for modern politicians in all three

In the past few weeks alone Mr John Biffen has told Conservatives that the Government is engaged in "a crusade for Gladstonian freedom", Mir David Steel has quoted the Grand Old Man's words about the nagation of God being erected into a system of gov-ernment at a Liberal Lathering in Bromley (I hasten to say he was applying the remarks to. Russia and not to Britain under Mrs Thatcher), and Mr Roy Hattersley has been talking of his admiration for the Victorian Liberal Pramier in the BBC Radio 4 programme Talking Politics. .

Mr Hattersley is probably the most Gladstone obsessed of all our contemporary politicians. Since losing ministerial office at the last election, he has been doing the round of London publishers offering them a book of conversations between himself and the Grand Old Man. So fer; I understand no one has taken up the idea.

It is interesting to speculate how the object of all this atten-tion would himself behave if he returned to the political stage in 1980. He would certainly find one of the current issues familiar. It is only just over a hundred years ago that he made his famous entreaty

to the voters of Midlothian: "Remember that the sanctity of life in the hill villages of Afghanistan among the winter snows is as inviolable in the eye of Almighty God as can be your own." The only difference was that then it was the British rather than the Russians who were the unwelcome who were the unwelcome guests in that unfortunate land.

Certain aspects of Mrs Thatcher's Government would Gladstone's heart, There is no doubt of its com-mitment to at least one element of his three-cornered policy of "Peace, Retrenchment and Reform", although I suspect that he would not rate its attachment to the other two so highly. Some of Airs Thatcher's henchmen would also strike a familiar chord—I am thinking particularly of Dr Rhodes Boyson, who with his mutton-chop whiskers, his gold watch chain and his Lancashire accent is the very model of a Victorian Liberal MP. Indeed, in the House of Commons last month, he was described by Mr Neil Kin-nock, the Labour education spokesman, in precisely those terms as a 100 per cent. 22 carat, late nineteenth century reactionary Liberal ".

I doubt, however, if Glad-stone would ultimately plump for the Conservative Party. He would probably find his true political heirs among the members of a rather splendid organization calling itself the Gladstone Club which meets every month in the National Liberal Club. The club is made up of those few Liberal stalwarts who have no truck with their leader's flirtation with social democracy and yet cannot bring themselves to join the Taylor They crill hald to the bring themselves to join the Tories. They still hold to the pure Cobdenite doctrines of free trade and international arbitration.

During the club's monthly deliberations one of Gladstone's famous axes stands on a table, no doubt to encourage brevity and sharpness in the speeches. Disaster struck at the end of last year when the axe was stolen, but I am glad to say that an alert and obviously Gladstonian dustman found it in a dustbin off Oxford Street and, thanks to the good offices of Westminster City Council Cleansing Department, it has now been restored to its right-

### Peelers

Another Victorian politician is coming into his own again. A society has just been formed in Tamworth, Staffordshire, to commemorate the life and

Mr Robert Bradshaw, deputy town clerk of Tamworth, says the idea of starting a society came when represent-atives of various local organizations found themselves laying wreaths at the font of Peel's statue outside the town hall last October in one of the events to mark the 150th anni-



versary of the foundation of Britain's first police force. Peel is probably remembered

achievements of Sir Robert today for founding the police Peel, Gladstone's great mentor and Prime Minister from 1839 to 1845.

Mr Robert Bradshaw, deputy dry area of fiscal management to the period of the period re-introduced income tax after its abolition following the Nepoleonic Wars) and he had a distinctly dour personality. The Earl of Shaftesbury, who was hardly a ball of fun himself, described him as "an iceberg with a slight them on the sur-

According to Mr Bradshaw, at the window in vain for a owever, the inhabitants of sight of men coming out with amworth have much reason rolled up sections of plastic his father had become his industrial innovations, and of the consequences of his abolition of the corn laws. Peel brought tremendous prosperity to the so far this diary has been rather heavily political and historical. For my last story I am throughout his time as Prime Minister, and delivering his famous Tamworth Manifesto of moderate and progressive Toryism from the steps of the town hall where his statue now Stands. The Peel Society is setting

up a museum in Tamworth Castle which will include exhibits on the Peel family, who continued living in the area until the 1920s, and on the until the 1920s, and on the early days of the police. All five living ex-Prime Ministers are being invited to become patrons of the society and Mr Bradshaw, who is the acting secretary. hopes that one of them will formally open the museum at the society's inaumuseum at the society's inaugural banquet on October 8.

have heard of mobile libraries and mobile fish and chip shops, but I confess to heing rother mustified about the contents of a minibus which has recently been parking outside my north London flat. According to the legend on the side it is a mobile playing field. So for I have stood

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torical. For my last story I am deligited to offer something. romantic and forward looking (well, at least as far forward as Thursdayı.

Absence certainly scems to have made the heart grow fender in the case of those of you who were deprived of our St. Valentine's Day service last year. This year some 2.000 lucky people will receive a book of love poems and a lerter telling them that there is a message for them in The

Times.

They may have a long search. The Valentines vill search the occupy 28 columns of the paper. Brian Wecham of our classified advertising department says he has been suggered by the number of Valentines booked this year the tines booked this year-the previous record was only 822. Apparently some of vru. have been paying up to £100 to have as many as six different Valentines inserted. Never let it he said again that Times readers are only interested in obituaries and crosswords.

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This report marks the opening today by Princess Alexandra of the complete modified initial system of the Hongkong Mass Transit Railway. In this article Richard Hope, editor of "Railway Gazette International", looks at the boom in underground railway building around the world.

It has cost £500m to build and equip Hongkong's first under construction—and three years ago primarily because the oil crisis was extended by a far greater followed by a wage boom. E50m a mile is not untypical new projects put together—for urban railways—quite enough to give the most reaffic congestion in the enthusiastic mayor pause for thought, Yet the metro boom goes on, albeit at a less hectic pace than was a ruinous condition, then evident in the prosperous perfected to lead the metro boom with evangelistic fer-your.

The steam behind metros made three years ago primarily because the oil crisis was followed by a wage boom. This not only pushed up construction costs; it also sent operating deficits soar-ing.

Besides, in some cities metro planners were spending extravagantly on such frills as costly station decoration and too much (unreliable) electronic wizardry. Reaction became inevirable.

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exclusive metro club. lost art in the New World. The P exclusive metro club. Nobody doubts that

them.

Hongkong is hardly typical. Because of the peculiar geography and the broad spread of travel peaks, it is took demonstrated by the property clear the property

Nor was the revolt con- irrelevant outside

early 1970s.

Just where the metro merges into its close relations—the tram subway and the underground extension of a suburban railway—is a matter for expert controversy. But it would seem that Atlanta, Hongkong, and Bucharest, which started public services in July, October and December, 1979, bring the total to 56.

Newcastle upon Tyne and Minsk happen to be the only cities scheduled to acquire a metro this year, but there are nearly 20 new networks under construction and many more planned. So most years in the present decade will see three or four cities join the once-acculated will see three or four cities join the once-acculated the netro boom with evangelistic fervour.

For a brief moment the liable) electronic wizardry. Reaction became inevitable. It spread swiftly, leaving only the communist block untouched, and as usual America led the way.

When the first line of San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit finally opened in 1972, the few trains that would run at all had to be of the once-acculated most of such transit on the ground of services were chaotic. Last year's performance was as bad as ever, with a long strike and the tunnel between Oakland and San Francisco closed for weeks grants, it was widely predicted that metro-building grave defects in safety processors.

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they give value in return
for the high cost of building
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and Singapore come to will be created at a fraction problems, but estimates for metro managers had to seek construction in European to the property of the cost by construction and starting developers. mind—but most municipal of the cost by erecting completing the 100-mile finance in a glare of hostile cities has picked up, and a the population had passed road towards that charac-vices which caused even Los ment around starions contities would be delighted if kerbs and barriers to keep network had doubled in two publicity. Eventually clear-solect band of Third World the magic million.

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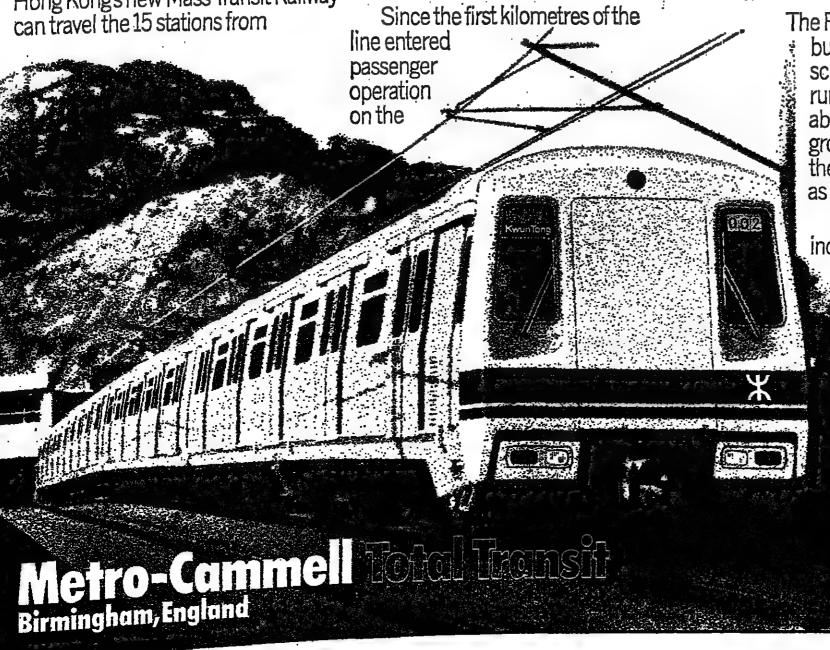
From today passengers on Hong Kong's new Mass Transit Railway can travel the 15 stations from

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# Built ahead of deadline, below budget

"Weight of numbers and the special demands of Hongkong's population not only dictated the need for the metro; they "also ensure that it will be profitable." In the first of five articles on the building and financing of the metro, Trevor Fishlock traces its development from the initial survey in 1967 and looks ahead to the time when it could be the world's most heavily used underground system.

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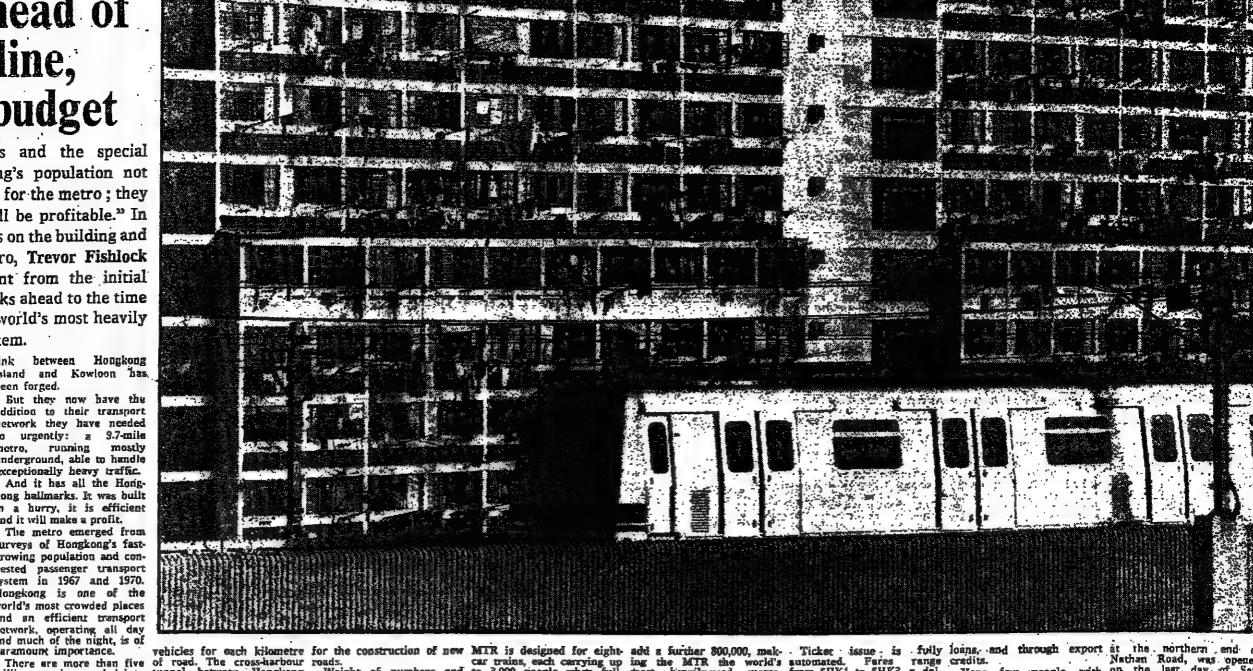
cash and calendar paramount importance.

line and under budget.

Hongkong's metro, the Mass link between Hongkong Transit Railway, is without island and Kowloon has.

relief of a formidable trans- so urgently: a 9.7-mile tion has been characterized underground, able to handle by ingenuity, skilled finan- exceptionally heavy traffic. And it has all the Hongshrewd, firm management. kong hallmarks. It was built Given the spirit in which in a hurry, it is efficient

that, as was promised when surveys of Hongkong's fastwork started four years and growing population and confour months ago, the pro-gested passenger transport system in 1967 and 1970. Hongkong is one of the It may be no surprise- world's most crowded places but it is none the less and an efficient transport remarkable that the MTR network, operating all day has been completed within and much of the night, is of



The task has not been an easy one. There have been considerable geological and technical difficulties, setbacks and changing financial fortunes. And Hongshong's people have suffered much disruption—noise, dust and the loss of homes and offices—as the metro than 210 But there is little room left to five densities in the world, more than 210 But there is little room left to five of road. The cross-harbour tunnel between Hongkong roads.

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add a further 800,000, mak. Ticket issue is fully loans, and through export at the ing the MTR the world's automated. Fares range credits.

Nathan most heavily-used metro from SHK1 to SHK3, a dol- Very few people with on the London's Underground car. Les being shout 10 ries 1,500,000 people a day, and though it has 15 times more mad

an urban area of 40 square miles. In this concentrated district two fifths of all homes and half of all work places are within a 10-minute walk of an MTR station. Being a short sysbeing profitable. And there is another factor which clinches it: the travel pat-tern and way of life in Hongkong.

of passenger use of transshows twin peaks, the song's graph shows a climb which means rainbow. Choi Hung, to a plateau which is main rainbow colour scheme, and rained for much of the day. The people are highly columns.

Work started on the large live in crowded conditions.

he mainland. Twelve are management) them are large, shiny, tiled, bright, and unclustered. comfort and security ple of Hongkong, having horror stories about

times more machines and inserted into Hongkong's the kind of turnstile with which Underground users

Hongkong's are familiar. The air-conditioned aluminium coaches, built by Metro-Cammell of Birmingham, have a spartan and practical appearence. Each coach can accommodate 327 standing passengers and only 48 sits ting—on stainless steel a benches. The coeches are long tube. Trains are made up of four coaches at

present, but will be twice the length by the mid-1980s. The stations are not only bilingually labelled but also have different and distincrush hours, at each end of tive colour schemes to aid the working day. Hong-identification. Choi Hung, kong's graph shows a climb which means rainbow, has a tive colour schemes to aid

they like to get out more, to months of the crisis caused eat out (still a fairly cheap by withdrawal of a Japanese activity) and to see their consortium which had origifriends. The MTR will even naily agreed to build the tually operate for 19 hours railway. When the Japanese between 6 am and 1 pulled out the plans were swiftly revised (this sort of rapid adjustment to circum-stances has been a characto Kwun Tong on teristic of the project's sinland. Twelve are management) and work started on a rather more modest metro, a roughly S-shaped line from Chater, on Hongkong island, through a harbour tunnel; and through

the heavily built-up areas of This is what the planners

large-scale engineering would put money on the being finished on have MTR time. The geological conditions were more than difficult in some parts and some contractors fell revenue has We encountered expectation. problems expected to encounter them.", Mr Norman Thomp-

chairman said. "And we were always able to change not separate units. There is our schedules, switch things proceeds steadily, and decine division between each around and keep up to date sions on further extension

Almost two years and the modified system was the Government for the gave the go-shead for the building of the extension out to the town of Tsuen Wan. Work started at the end of 1978 and is expected to finish at the end of 1982. The extension is about six and a half miles long and has 10 stations. It is expected to cost about £40m and, as with the backbone in crowded conditions in November, 1975, within line, it is almost guaranteed

> quick reactions and highly pro-ed hold-ups and highly pro-financing. The quick reactions to unexpect Corporation soon established a reputation for toughness among the conexecutive commented: "We had some heavy sessions with the MTR management when we fell behind. But I admire their bargaining ability. They didn't give away a

Nathan Road, was opened tember last year by Murray MacLehore, Governor of Hongkon Next day, when regular st vices started, 250,000 people then passenger traffic and

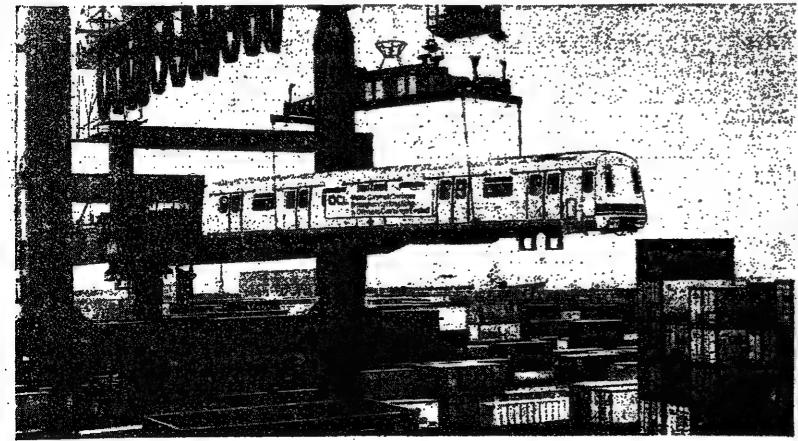
fell revenue have been above The opening of the com-plete modified initial system marks nor only a comple-tion but a beginning. Work of two lines recommended

by consultants would for from Chai Wan to Kepady Town on Hongkong island northern shore. The other would run from Western Market and under the har eventually being past the sirport at Kai Tak and on to Dismond Hill From bere it would be per sible to build a line our to Sha Tin. Meanwhile the Hongist

to be completed on time. Government and the MFR Corporation are considering and punctual completion of kong's picturesque, hearly the MTR clearly lie in the manufacture. ually, other sections of tine would be builts.

Within 10 or 1500 much of what is how clanking slow moving New York's subway, insisted call the modified initial syson well-lit and unobstructed tem. It is costing about
concourses with no shadows £540m, the money being metro, from the industrial into one of the great and
or crannies for muggers to raised on the open market, area of Kwun Tong, in east
busiest metro systems might
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### Many new underground systems planned throughout the world

focused attention on much cheaper commuter railway and tramway solutions. Germany offers some successful examples of both tech-niques. But in the cities with multi-million populait is once eccepted that a metro worth every penny of the

London, Paris and Moscow metro, apply with equal force to buses. Mr. William Maxwell, pay, São Paulo, Calcutta and who runs London's Under Can be Hongkong—if not more so ground, has said more than lanes, but as a city grows once that he expects to have and street congestion builds, two lines operating with no a railway with its private crew on the trains within 20 a railway with its private crew on the trains within 20 track and foolproof signal-years. Indeed, such a system ling offers the only way of should be running in Lille keeping up the quality of by 1982.

There will always have to of conditions on the streets.

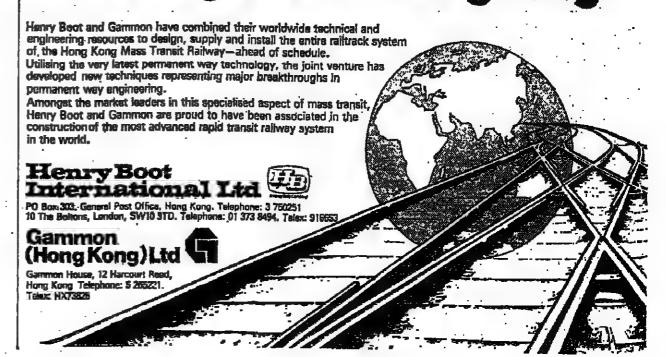
be staff around to deal with There is growing apprecia- emergencies, but unmanned

impossible with days. With ho drivers to though, this boost to reliab

transport to compare with car on equal terms. thus within bounds.

Meanwhile, world over will be watching tion, too, of the need to trains offer one outstanding Hongkong to see if the cut operating costs and advantage: peak-hour ser-miracle of a profitable improve service through vice can be maintained metro really is possible in automation—easy with a through evenings and Sun-the 1980s.

# HENRY BOOT-GAMMON making tracks in Hong Kong



# modern-day eminent Victorian

Norman Thompson would director of the Cunard no doubt have made an Group. minent Victorian of a cereminent Victorian of a cer-main kind. He would have in 1974 his wife saw the top embraced with gusto.

have enjoyed life in those success." days. I like to lead and I Mr Thompson believes like to get on top of a job, strongly that a managing however difficult, and see it director must lead and be however difficult, and see it through. I like to feel I'm a closely involved in decision-part of progress, a creative making at all levels. For

businessman."

He is manifestly a natural boss. Those who know him and have worked with him remark on his flair firmness and confidence. He is known as a man who gets what he wants, as a driver of hard bargains. "A tough nut—but fair", a businessman said. "He gets respect because he's a professional. But he is flexible and pragmatic. And he could not do what he does if he were

He was born in Middlesbrough in 1920, and trained as an accountant before and after the war, which he spent in the Merchant Navy as deck-hand, machine-guber and radio officer. He started his business career place only in large companies, he says, and mandaved into engineering, building a reputation as a solver of managerial and industrial problems.

thrived in that milieu of vigorous capitalism in which industries, bridges, railways, trade routes and bits of empire were built, and in which new technology and business opportunity were would turn down the chance in 1974 his wife saw the turn job of the MTR Corporation advertised in a newspaper and persuaded him to apply for it. Not that he needed much urging. As he said:

"What man with my experience and love of a challenge would turn down the chance business opportunity were would turn down the chance embraced with gusto.

""Yes", he said in an inperview in his Kowloon
office, "I'm sure I would have enjoyed life in those success."

""Yes", he said in an inperview in his Kowloon
office, "I'm sure I would to get it right. There
could be only one outcome:

what he does if he were in his grasp and that he unreasonable."

After many years of dence. "At the top we got management challenges. To know of all difficulties." management challenges.
Norman Thompson has spent more than four years in one of Asia's most challenging jobs—chairmanship of the Mass Transit Railway one of our better decisions.

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moved into engineering, agers of each part of the building a reputation as a solver of managerial and industrial problems.

In the early 1960s he went off to manage Malta ment is only part of the Drydocks and wiped out its losses. He became overseas planning, willingness and director of Swan Hunter in 1967 and managed the Keppel dockyard in Singapore, rigorous verting of tenders After a spell as deputy managing director at Swan Hunter he became managing a specific of the director of Cunard's cargo of Cunard's cargo of the went was taken over by Trafalgar House he became managing sheer size of the venture

moved into engineering, agers of each part of the group should be made componing the building a reputation as a group should be made completely responsible for producting to many people", he said, "We had to succeed of Hongkong's people in the lives back to the roots and know that it was inevitable—and the was into the lives that it was inevitable—and the flow status to help us. The Government had to give us that it was inevitable—and the was inevitable—and the reputation the building of the MTR caused in the lives back to the roots and know that it was inevitable—and the was inevitable—and the was inevitable—and the reputation the building of the MTR caused in the lives back to the roots and know that it was inevitable—and the reputation the building of the MTR caused in the lives that capitalism works. It is a viral and hard-work ing to many people", he add to succeed of Hongkong's people is that it was inevitable—and that it was inevitable—and the reputation the building of the MTR caused in the lives back to the roots and know that a give us that capitalism works. It is a viral and hard-work ing to many people ", he add to succeed of Hongkong's people is that it was inevitable—and the reputation the building of the MTR caused in the lives back to the roots and know that the story in the status to help us. The Government was inverted that it was his job to ensure that it was nevitable—and the proving the ma

Tsuen Wan extension is completed in 1982, and hopes for a fresh challenge after that.

About his reputation as a hard bargainer he said:
"We have a difficult job to do—a railway to build. Contractors are a very tough crowd. And to succeed in business you must not let anyone hoodwink you. We have had our rugged times, but we have always been fair. And I think it significant that most of the contractors who worked on the first part of the MTR applied for jobs on the extension." Most businessmen would

enjoy a few years in Hong-kong. Mr Thompson says. "It is a vital and hard-work-



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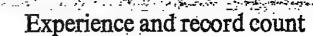
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The Mass Trunsit Railway Corporation made sure is was getting the best when it took on the contractors to build the railway. No new he had considerable experience and that he had a sucpessful record with tradisional and well-tried con-

The corporation's view was that this project was no place for a civil engineering experiment. It could not afford failures. And it insisted that the contractors provided financial guaran ees for their work:

kind of construction techhas been used:

from the top down; some in

which decomposed exposed, turning is thisby gravel plant, accelerated the work and at last made up the lost

In a project made up of large and difficult chal-lenges the construction of the cross-barbour tunnel

The tunnel is a twin tun-

several months. The sche weather the movement of One of MIK start supervised dule required that the time trains will draw air through ing training told me: "It should be made up—and shafts expelling tunnel air hasn't been easy for people this was done by enlarging through exhaust ducts. Each who have come into somethe dock so the contractors car on each train has its thing which is a completely and the completely are already and the completely the completely are already and the completely are already as a completely are a completely are already as a completely are a completely and a completely are a c could cast four units at 2 own air-conditioning equip- new experience. But they

could cast four units at a own air-conditioning equiptime instead of the three
originally planned.

Much else goes into the
Many of the staff have been
training with a complex and
metro: a special police divisome smaller units. The
casting cycle was reduced
and the routine for laying
the tunnel segments was
changed. This meant that
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the last unit was joined up

own air-conditioning equipnew experience. But they
have learnt very quickly?

Many of the staff have been
training with a complex and
realistic model railway.

In building the MTR, the
corporation has drawn from
the experience of several
countries:

Hongkoug,
the United States. the last unit was joined up coins expected each day.

a year ago—and the tunnel
was completed on target.

· At the busiest time of there were more than 8,000 men at work. Long hours were worked throughout the building programme and, welling, the construction was a round-the-clock task. Contractors knew the importance of keeping on schedule; and, in any case,

7,500 tonnes and was fastened tightly to its mate weather cooled air will be weather was pumped out of it. The tunnel is about the piston effect of trains. The building of the 14 units was done in a dry dock, excavated for the purpose. But the conditions of the ground slowed the building of the dock by several months. The schedule required that the time the piston effect of trains community experience of running a railway, let alone and advanced metro. Staff the ground slowed the on automatically to draw London to get some experience dule required that the time the school of the movement of the conditions of the dock by and expel air. In cool ence on the Underground.

vast workshops where every

# No new boys allowed

boys were allowed. Each contractor had to show that

teeming urban area. Because of the wide diversity of terrain almost every

from the bottom up, other

the nature of the ground made progress slow. Much of the rock was granite and unpredictable and there fers which slowed piling. In this district, an interlocking piling method was used and because of the hard going the work fell behind. But the Gammon-Kier-Lilley oint venture carrying out

the sequences of work, switching electrical and mechanical parts of the pro-Mr konaid Mead, engineering; and project director of the MTR Corporation; said. "The key to it all was to see that the segments of the construction work dove-tailed perfectly without any waste of our suppress herselility of our suppress herselility of our suppress herselility. ibility of our approach ena-bled us to do that and to make up time when we ran into snags."

The 15. stations on the modified initial system, 12 underground and three ele-vated, are among the largest in the world. Most are 250 yd in length and 33 yd deep. The longest is the 450-yd Chater station in Central

was one of the major jobs,

nel encased in one construc-tion, rather like a doublebarrel shotgun. It was cast in sections of prestressed concrete, each 109 vd in nor afford serious labour Behind the scenes are length. There are 14 sec-problems. rions, made in a dry dock, Because of Hongkong's train will be checked every floated into the harbour and climate and the heavy pas-day. And the entire operations rig. Before they were an advanced cooling and trolled from a central condituded on the harbour built. The MTR is the first puter consoles. Operators floor to receive them and fully air-conditioned metro the progress of this was coated with a in the world.

The aim is to maintain the stations by way of stone. Each unit weighed consoles. 

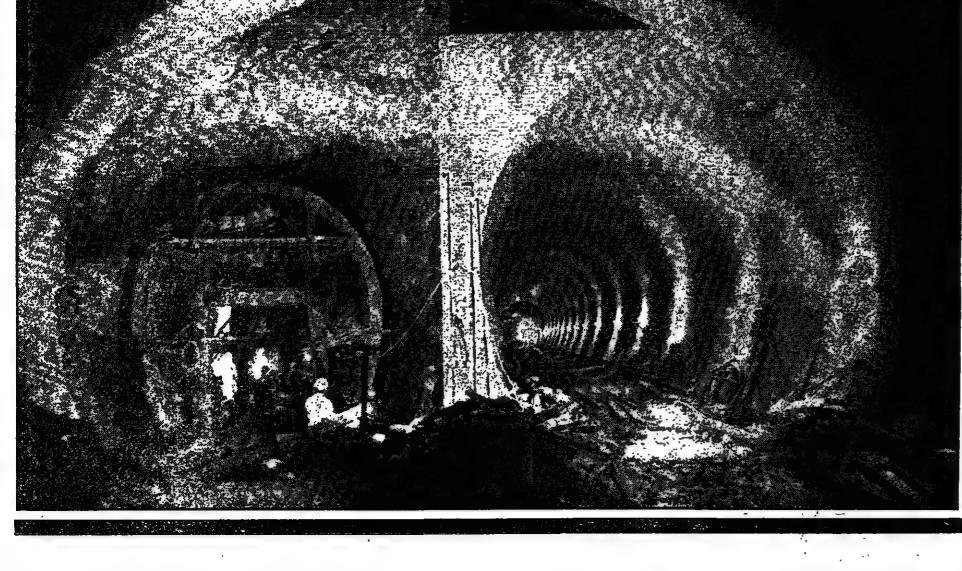
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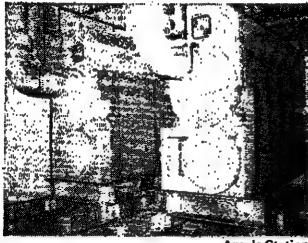
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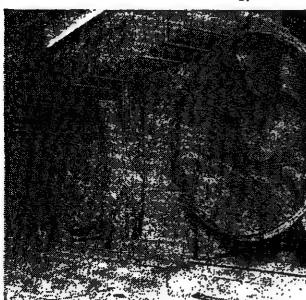
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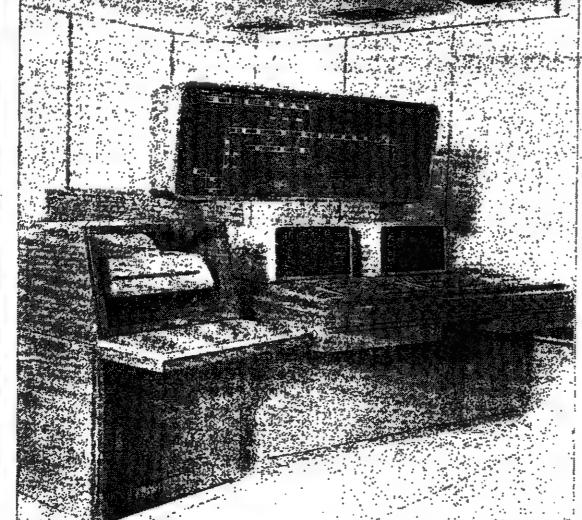
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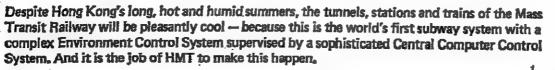
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Moreover, the MTR Cor-SRK700m (about E66m) from the huge property developments above Kowoon Bay depot Chater station and Admiralty

The corporation had its roots in the provisional authority set up in 1974. larger, system. A Japanese consurerm won the contract lor £300m. But the world ocession began to have its effect and the consortium backed out in January, 1975, ernment badly shaken.

But Mr (now Sir) Philip Bandon-Cive, the financial ment was determined to so alead. The project had its critics, but in his view the metro was argently needed.

for a modified system, about one fifth smaller than

administrative costs The Government opted and inflation during con-increase in the estimated form a modified system, struction, was put at £540m. £387m cost of the Tsuch

increase in the estimated

corporation's loans.

That estimate has not been the original, plan, and the increased during the construction time in spite of large rises in the prices of september, 1975. The work mass divided into 25 major civil engineering contracts and TO electrical and mechanical contracts.

The cost of the project, The cost of the project of the

orporation's loans. the MTR chairman, who The corporation set out to believes strongly in making around the world in 1975 to negotiate for export credits from the Britain, Japan, Franchisaly, West Germany, Norwark and Sweder way, Denmark and Sweden. The total amount of export

important break through was achieved November 1975 when hanking consortium led Manufacturers Hanover Trust put up \$U\$400m. And with this the MTR was really in business. Another important step was the issue in May 1976 of SHK400m of 9.375 per cent bonds matur-ing in 10 years, the first non-government bond of macurity issued

For the overseas con tracts for the metro, about \$HK1,900m has been arranged in export credit. These credits carry a fixed rate of interest, between 7½ and 9 per cent. with repayments by 1992, and have a facility built in for early repayment. These interest rates were attract. interest rates were attractive enough, but with credit arranged in the exporting country's currency, the MTR had to bear the exchange risks.

However, by the time the financing of the extension to Tsuen Wan was started in 1977 the position had changed. The corporation was in a stronger position had a good track record and was able to get better terms than were possible in the earlier years of construcrion. Export credit finance for the extension has been secured in Hongkong dollars, lessening the corporation's exposure to poration's exposure exchange risks.

Meanwhile, the building of the rullway was heing undertaken at a fortunate ime. Contractors hadly wanted work, and the large scale initial borrowing had been done at a time of excess liquidity.

As had been planned, the Manufacturers Hanover Trust loan was rearranged to SUS600m to be spread over 10 years and at a lower over 10 years and at a lower rate. Money has also been borrowed on the open mar-ket, with loans repayable over periods from two weeks to a year. General finance facilities are at floating rates of interest with a margin over the in-terbank rate or best lending

"If you spend your capital first and collect the revenue later, you are bound to score ", Mr W. S Lau, the corporation's finance director, said. A Inflation naturally helps a project of this size to make a profit, and running costs are a small proportion of budget. The fare structure is right too. The MTR is compact and heavily used for much of the day.

"It is essential for us to get our money at the lowes cost and to raise as much as possible of the debt in Hongkong dollars because our revenue is in that cur rency. We have to pay high rates for money on the open market, but enjoyed the key years of 1975-77 when rates were low. Even though operating costs are slightly above our original forecasts because of fuel price in-creases and other factors. we are still within budget.



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Fair compensation but some dispute

# Autocratic powers used in massive disruption

Mass Transit Railway has been urban open-heart surgery on a massive scale. Inevitably the driving of the railway through one of the most densely populated districts of the world has been the cause of disruption, unpollution-and not a little annoyance on the part of some of those moved out of homes and

chance that the railway's course would be diverted or its progress stopped. There was no question of a long ard-fought planning equiry of the kind that It was clearly laid out in Ordinance that: "No person shall have a right of objection to the delineation of land in any plan or map prepared (for the building of the Metro) and the fact that land is therein delineated as being within the railway area shall for all

business set up elsewhere. In all, about 12,000 people have had to be resettled in 4,000 have been housed in temporary eccommodation and 9,000 await their move to new homes. The Govern-ment has paid out £27m in

Before work started on the project, and as it was progressing, people were told through the media told through the media what was happening. Closer detail and sovice were provided by teams of civil servants and people were told how to get compensation, jobs and alternative hous-

payments were made to and and property owners under the terms of the Mass Transit Railway Ordinance. People whose businesses suffered were compensated for their losses and other people have been helped under a system of ex-gratis payments set up to meet special cases.

The ordinance gives people the right to appeal to the Lands Tribunal if they are not happy with compensation offered (it is based on fair market values) or if they are dissatisfied with the progress of their claims. of their claims.

It has not been an entirely smooth road. Many people have bowed to the inevitable, have accepted their compensation as rea-sonable and have been resettled; but in some cases entangled interests and resentments have led to people digging in their heels and fighting the Gov-

In the case of the clearance of West Point Buildings there was a long campaign by owners occupiers, enraged at being ordered to move out of businesses they had spent years building up. There was a clash between residemolition squads and the police before the

On the whole, compen-sation for these people is regarded as fair. They have received the market value of their flats and business premises, a disturbance allowance of £2 a sq ft and £1,000 to help to meet con-veyancing fees. Owner-occu-piers had a £150 a month piers had a £150 a month rent allowance to cover the period between leaving their old premises and moving into public housing. The settlement of the West Point Buildings compensation, after protracted negotiations, cost the Government £11.4m.

Because the line of the railway was drawn close to

railway was drawn close to the centres of demand, the upsetting of the lives of thousands of people could not be helped. Nathan Road,



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# AN EXPLOSIVE TIGHTROPE

Britain is conducting in Rhodesia is, as was feared, turning into a campaign of intimidation versus intimidation. The more place at the end of the month depends on the level of violence reached in the intimidatory process. There is a stage at which it could merge into a resumption of the civil war, even assuming Mr. Mugabe will not carry out threats to denounce the cease-

Lord Soames's problem is basically to restrain intimidation to a level at which the electors do actually get to the polls to record a secret vote, in the assurance that it is really secret, however much their recent experior future fears dictate their choice. The events of the weekend show how difficult it will be for Lord Soames to achieve even the minimal result which will enable Britain to declare what the composition of the new assembly is, install whatever party or combination of parties seems able to start governing, and safely withdraw.

To put matters thus is not to be cynical but to face the underlying realities. It must be reiterated that at least an election is being held (as the world demands) and that this is a unique way of resolving an armed conflict in Africa-perhaps anywhere. Most of those who attacked Britain in the United Nations were states which, as Lord Carrington pointed out, would not know a free and fair election if they saw one. Most of them want a victory by Mr Mugabe, and their criticism is that his freedom to campaign in his own way is being limited or copied. In their sort of state between two-or three-armed

The free and fair election which intimidation is unnecessary because only one party contests the election, though usually some intimidation is added to ensure

an appearance of enthusiasm. normal process of electioneering gathers momentum, but whether similarly motivated. Each side blames Britain for backing or not repressing the intimidation practiced by the other side. Attrocities and incidents, like the hombing of the bus full of the Bishop's supporters or the attempts by persons whose parties and motives are yet unknown to assassinate Robert Mugabe, are presumed evidence that the Governor is not restraining the opposition.

Yet everybody knows that the

Governor has little actual power to restrain anyhody. Even if he had attempted a different course with the Bishop's so-called auxiliaries, put technically under ultimate British control, it is now clear that Mr Mugabe's Zanla army had made (and was probably making throughout the Lancaster House conference) arrangements to leave enough of its effectives outside the assemhly points to intimidate voters, not only in areas where it had become the major force, but to extend into areas where the Bishop or Mr Nkomo exercises predominant influence. The orderly assembly of Mr Nkomo's men at their assembly points is giving Zanla new scope; and the withdrawal (were this possible) of the "auxiliaries" would have the same effect in Shona areas where the Bishop hopes to win seats. Nobody is going to give ground or take more risks than

they need. This is the hard reality, and it proceeds from the bedrock fact, never to be forgotten, that the election is being run by the British presence in a mere truce

Massachusetts. Even Governor

Brown is still in the race after

a respectable performance. As

the primary season proper starts

in New Hampshire, none of them

should feel unduly completent,

Senator Kennedy has now redefined his strategy in the light of Iran and Afghanistan.

His original plan was to chal-

lenge Mr Carter on the issue of

leadership, attacking Mr Carter

for failing to provide it, essen-tially in the domestic area, and

undertaking to do better himself.

crises in South-west Asia, which

enabled Mr Carter to appear as

the man in command and rally

faced with the near-collapse of

his campaign, Mr Kennedy took

a new tack, moving back to the

liberal, or leftish, wing of the

Democratic Party in his George-town speech. He accused Mr Carter of "Republican econo-mics", and proposed a freeze on-

wages and prices as the way to

reduce inflation, as well as petrol

rationing to reduce dependence

on imported oil. He also attacked

Mr Carter's plan for registration

for the draft, and accused him of

new approach was a calculated

risk, because American public

opinion has moved to the right

in the past few years. But some-

thing was needed to give a new

helter-skelter militarism ". This

· public opinion behind him: So,

forces who remain armed. Postponing the election would not change this fact; indeed, now the lines of intimidation are drawn, a shorter campaign would offer better chances of reaching the polls ahead of disaster. There is no going back: for Britain, its monitors dispersed, retreat is cut off. The Governor hardly seems to be in a position to ban Mr Mugabe's candidates in defiance of the Zanu-PF threats to revert to war, war against British colonialism; and indeed he has been told to ban Mr Nkala from campaigning on account of his activities.

Nor is it a valid criticism (put forward by Mr Todd after the Governor had intervened to have him released on bail) that the Governor is too dependent on the former regime's agencies. The Governor's position was accepted by all at Lancaster House. His position can be no more independent than the possibilities of his non-Rhodesian staff permit. Mr Todd's case may prove a timely check or warning. But Mr Mugabe's attacks on British imperialism come oddly from a man who wanted a bigger and stronger British presence, Perhaps it could be strengthened here or there—but to supersede the existing state apparatus in order to ensure impartiality was always accepted as impracticable, as indeed Britain's allies and foreign observers should know.

All that the Governor can do from the reports of the observers, the monitors, the local police and the election commission, to weigh the balance of intimidation. So far the verdict goes against Mr Mugabe's party. hope must be that Mr Mugabe thinks be is winning and so has no incentive to repudiate the election; the Bishop cannot, and Mr Nkomo will not. If that equation breaks down, almost anything can happen.

### A MAINE PRIMARY TO REMEMBER

or dejected.

American presidential election system that after being defeated by President Carter in Sunday's caucus elections in Maine, a state regarded as part of his home territory, Senator Kennedy can claim a sort of victory. A few months ago it appeared impossible for Mr Carter to beat Mr Kennedy anywhere in New England, and the question was whether he could retrieve the situation with victories else-where. But now, in the after-math of Iran and Afghanistan, when Mr Carter scrapes home by no more than a few percentage points, it is widely assessed a setback for him; and the reason, as so often at this early stage of caucus elections and But this was undermined by the primaries, is simply that he failed to live up to expectations. It had been expected, on the basis of his big win in Iowa last month and some local opinion polis, that he would win another sweeping victory and start the process of knocking Mr Kennedy right out of the race. The fact that he did not, even though be did better then appeared conceivable a few months ago, is a plus for Mr Kennedy, that he will now do his best to capitalize

Such is the significance which is attached to relatively unimportant elections in electorally minor states like lowa and Maine. And yet there is some sense in these swings of opinion. Iowa showed that in spite of his low-standing in the polls before the taking of the hostages in

Sir, I share the bewilderment and

disappointment of the Reverend Professor Cairns (February 4) when

he notes the lack of any response. either in your columns or in the House of Commons, to Lord Zucker-man's challenge to orthodoxy, on the subject of the nuclear balance

One is reminded that in 1823

the then Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, remarked of the Monroe Doctrine that it was imperative for the United States not

Quite why Britain should now follow the nuclear-powered Ameri-

can man-of-war remains a mystery.

even after reading up in Honsard the recent debate on East-West relations. The failure of any MP to examine this issue persuades ma.

contrary to your editorial of January 31, that the debate did not represent the House at its best.

from the absence of comment on some of the opinions given gener-

ous space in your newspaper. We have all reason to be thankful that

no approval has so far been seen seen heard of the wholly ludicrous

ideas put forward by Professor F. A. Hayek (January 12).

unless the unfortunate American hostages are released immediately. Presumably, the silence which has greeted this proposal betokens a general agreement that the consequences of such an act would be

quences of such an act would be most painful in the long run, or,

alternatively, virtual extinction in

the short run.

It is to he hoped that Zucker-

man has said enough to convince us

all not only that there are pro-

found doubts being expressed in

the United States about the course

plotted for the American man-of-war, but also that the one thing

the United States does not need

But perhaps we should take heart

The nuclear option

Prom Mr Peter Foot

(January 21).

It is one of the ironies of the Tehran, Mr Carter should not be impetus to the Kennedy camwritten off. Maine has now done paign, and to keep it going over the next few months, in the hope that Mr Carter will falter. the same for Mr Kennedythough he still has to prove him-The results in Maine suggest self in New Hampshire and

that this could possibly happen, the volatility of American public opinion being what it is. It is true that Maine, like the rest of New England, is in a sense home ground for a Senator from Massachusetts. But it is also a conservative part of the United States. and supporters of Mr Carter were well entrenched. So the question arises whether the new found appeal of Mr Carter, based on his handling of the crises in Iran and Afghanistan, has begun to fade:

This is something that could nappen quite quickly if Southwest Asia began to disappear from the front of people's minds, given the widespread disillusionment in the past with Mr Carter's performance. It has not happened yet, but both Mr Kennedy and Mr Brown have to keep their campaigns alive so that if and when it does, they can focus on the more vulnerable parts of Mr Carter's record—particularly inflation and energy. The Maine election results have not removed the doubts there must be about Mr Kennedy's candidacy—his inerticulacy when confronting difficult questions, his inadequate explanation of the Chappaquiddick incident, the possibly inflationary effects of his economic policies. But they mean that he can stay in the race and make the criticisms that need to be made of Mr Carrer's. . .

The second arrangement is totally illegal although widely practised; the first is also widely practised, and as far as I know its legality has not previously been questioned. at the moment is advice like that emanating from Professor Havek. If Western Europe is seen to side with the hawks and dovish hawks, in. the United States (pace Arrigo Levi, January 31) then our peril is indeed great. Yours faithfully, PETER FOOT.

bugging.
It is questionable whether the practice even deserves to be illegal, and certainly the amount of the money involved does not even begin to compare with the vast sums lost

Syndicate bidding to appear "to come as the cockboat to the British man of war". From Mr Ian Harris

32 Summerside Street. .

Edinburgh.

February 4.

Sir, I was interested to read your-correspondent's report (February 2) about the joint purchase of the Algardi sculpture by a syndicate headed by Agnew's.

It is very common practice for several dealers to get together to buy an item in parmership, but I have seldom known such an arrangement to be reported to the auctioneers.

A frequent reason for such part-A frequent reason for such partnerships is to finance more easily the very large sums involved in the purchase of the finest pieces. Dealers in partnership will often pay a higher price than they would have paid individually since they are sharing not only the capital cost but also the risk.

More commonly, however, the reason is that where several dealers are all interested in a piece, they see no reason to bid against one another and prefer to buy in partnership. The piece is then sold by whichever member of the partner-Professor Havek may think it both practical and necessary to threaten Tehran that "bombs will be falling at an increasing rate at the seat of the Iranian Government" unless the references American whichever member of the partner. ship can get the best price for it, in contrast to the "knockout", where the piece is immediately reauctioned amongst the members

of the ring.

In the first instance each partner has the partnership knows exactly what the partnership is prepared to pay, and one mem-ber is delegated to bid, whereas in the second situation any member may bid, and the others will abstain from bidding; but no one knows the final price which any member may be prepared to pay subsequently.

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Among the necessary conditions are the following: All entries must be personal and individual. 2. There shall be no teams or team

3. No women may participate in any capacity, not even as spectators.

4. All applicants must certify that they are of pure Greek descent on both paternal and maternal sides.

5. The only records to be kept are the payer of the winners of indithe names of the winners of individual events and the names of their

native cities. 6. The managing committee will undertake to provide a stadium and hippodrome and a few bath-houses, but no other facilities, no accommodation and no stands

spectators. Yours, &c. M. I. FINLEY. Darwin College, Cambridge. February 9.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Government, the law and the unions: bridging the gaps

be made aware that many legal scholars all over the world would vigorously dispute suggestions that decisions such as those in the steel strike case involve "pure" questions of law which can be decided by judges withour reference to policies

or value judgments. Of course nobody would deny that some legal cases are so clear cut that only one decision is pos-sible; but cases of this kind scarcely ever reach the Court of Appeal, let alone the House of Lords. In appellate cases it is almost always the case that respectable legal arguments can be found for both sides, and that judges have to decide for themselves what the law ought to be, and do not merely "find" the law in prior decisions or statutes.

The current controversy centres around the meaning of the words "in furtherance" of a trade dispute. Lord Wedderburn (February 4) and the House of Lords (Lord Wilberforce dissenting) would have it that these words are only capable of one meaning, viz. that whatever the officials of the union bona fide think is in furtherance of a trade dispute is in furtherance of the dis-

It is quite wrong to think this is the only possible, or the only reasonable construction of the words, simply as a matter of language. In the MacShane case several alternative constructions were can-vassed, and as a pure matter of language the wholly subjective approach adopted by the majority is far from being the most plaus-

One could test the issue by asking what the courts would make of a statute which (ray) cave powers to a Minister to do A, B and C " in furtherance" of policy X.

Would the courts say that this means that the Minister has the power to do A. B and C if he hand fide thinks this will further policy X? The answer almost certainly is No, and I have little doubt that Lord Wedderburn would concur Lord Wedderburn would concur with the Law Lords in giving that BOSWET.

Indeed, as lawyers well know, there has been a long process of legal devalopment over the extert of the control exercisable by the Courts over ministerial powers.

In Liversidge v Anderson in 1941 the Law Lords held (over the famous dissent of Lord Atkin) that Regulation 18B (which gave the Minister powers of detention of those whom he "had reasonable cause" to suspect of enemy associa-tions) extended to enable the Minister to detain those whem he thought he had reasonable cause to suspect, ic they adopted the subjective approach similar to that in

the MacShane case.

Subsequent decisions have repudiated this case which is now explained as being a wartime "policy" decision, and only recently Lcrd Scarmen said that it was time the abost of Liversidge v Anderson was laid to rest, Modern decisions are equally policy decisions; they rest the clearest policy judgment that uncontrolled Ministerial power is an evil which can only be justi-fied in the most exceptional circumstances.

Consider now the steel That resembled the decision. MacShane case in meny ways, but the fact is that even in the MacShane case the Law Lords approved the earlier Court of Appeal decision in BBC v Hearn which held that a political dispute is not a trade dispute.

In the current steel strike, the union officials have several times declared that their dispute is now a political confrontation with Government. It is a perfectly plausible argument that, as a result, there were two disputes, and that the political one was not legally protected. This was the argument accepted by the Court of

It may have been inexpedient. unwise, unfair or plain silly, but it is not possible to say that it was wrong" as a pure matter of law, without regard to policies

To say that policies and values are necessarily involved in legal decisions of this nature is not, of course, to say that judges must decide the case in the way they think accords best with the policies or values they would personally approve. The judge's task necessarily involves an evaluation of many sensitive issues : among others, he must often ask whether it is more appropriate that a certain policy be declared by Parliament or by Judges.

In the MacShane case Lord Scar-

man's judgment seems to have been influenced by his view that it would not be desirable for judges to have to examine the effectiveness of particular sorts of trade union actions, surely in itself a policy

Lord Diolock's judgment is perhaps less clear, but it is possible that he was influenced by similar or perhaps quite different policy argu-ments. he may even have been influenced by the view that Parliament had made such a mess of the law that it ought to be left to clear up the results unaided.

One does not know, in many cases, what policies influence judges for they usually do not wish to tell us. Apparently Lord Scarman thinks that it would lower the

From Mr C. R. Whittoker and Professor Eric Stokes

Sir, The arrest of Carfield Todd is

only the latest of a series of incidents which must throw into question the impartiality of the role being played by Lord Soames and the British government in the current Rhodesian elections. On the

one hand, reports by journalists in our newspapers and on radio or tele-

vision state that the majority of violent attacks on party officials and

leaders are directed against Mr Mugabe's ZANU (PF). Yet, on the

other, it is continually being asserted by the Governor or by various Rhodesian spokesmen that

ZANU (PF) are the main perpetra-

No one who saw the programme TV Eue last Thursday (February 7) can any longer doubt that the auxiliaries, who are an arm of the

Rhodesian police, are in some cases

tors of intimidation and violence.

Keeping the balance

From Professor P. S. Atiyah, FBA
Sir, Readers of The Times should be made aware that many legal be made aware that many legal scholars all over the world would shighly debatable one.

public's respect for the law if they tinction but because the issue of removeness has been put aside by the House of Lords.

It is not only that they could

Yours sincerely, P. S. ATIYAH.
St John's College,
Oxford.
February 8.

From Lord Shawcross Sir, As one who when Attorney General in Mr Attlee's administra-tion had some responsibility for

further increasing the immunities which are enjoyed by trade unions from the normal operation of the rule of law. I have naturally followed the recent litigation on the subject with much interest.

In those days, the possibility of a strike which is intended, as the present one is, to secure governmental intervention in a trade dispute, and is in that some therefore political, was not so clearly appreciated. We should of course have realized that the nationalization of industry would inevitably make any trade dispute with a publicly owned concern to a large degree also a political one. Had the whole steel industry been privately owned today the present dispute would have been settled! Some firms would have paid up and those which could not afferd so to

That said, one must wholly reject the bland assumption by Professor Wedderburn, whose views about the liberties of trade unionists" seem often to have blinded him to the rights and interests of ordinary citizens, that trade union less has always been "abundantly" clear and has only been "obfuscated" by the "curious" decisions of the Master of the Rolls. One may ignore Professor Wedderburn's coide reference to Lord Denning (who, it is true, in his long and distinguished career has always sought to subordinate legal technicalizes to justice and individual freedom) for whether in the Court of Appeal or the House of Lords, no one would doubt the integrity of the judges

do would have gone into liquida-

concerned. When, however, three distinguished Lords Justice in the Court of Appeal (of whom one is also a Lord of Appeal) differ from five equally distinguished Lords of Appeal who do not seem wholly agreed on all the principles under-lying their conclusion, one must certainly agree that the five to three have it and that their view must be accepted as the law.

But that is not because of any divine dispensation accorded to the law lords ensuring that they alone (together of course with Professor Vedderhurn; know the Law, but because the structural hierarchy of our judicial system provides that theirs is the last word in the matter.

The last word as a matter of present law. The so-called "goldsn formula" of industrial law which enjoys Professor Wedderburn's eulogistic support may have worked in 1875 but has become a tarnished but not less effective instrument for revolution, as was pointed out in your recent leading article. In law it is now enough that a

strike should be believed by those taking part in it to be in contempla-tion of furtherance of a trade dispute for it to be invnune from the rule of law as it applies to ordinary citizens however grave the injury it inflicts on them and however direct and far reaching its political consequences. Whetever may have been the position in 1875, a sovereign Parliament in 1980 must surely consider whether it can tolerate the continuance of a situation so manifestly contrary to the will of the people including the great majority of individual trade unionists and so inimical to the liberties of all of us whether trade

unionists or not. Whatever may be the ultimate conclusion as to that however, the fact will remain that disputes with nationalized industries inevitably have political implications.

Yours sincerely.
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS,
House of Lords.

From Professor Yorick Wilks Sir, Is there not perhaps a lack of seriousness in the discussion of the consequences of the House of Lords decision in NiceShane v Express Newspapers? Even in your editorial today (February 8), commenting on their Lordships' written judgment on the steel case, you take ssue with them on their so-called subjective interpretation of the state of the law : that immunity from prosecution follows from an honest belief that acts done are in the furtherance or contemplation of a trade dispute. But surely the issue is the loss of the "remote-

ness" criterion.

Consider, if you will, the following strategy for the steelmen: all else has failed, so they decide m picket sewage works, power stations and major hospitals. Let us suppose that the workers in those places, motivated by a combination of fear and localing stop work. and loyalty, stop work. The Government, and the rest of

us, would rapidly come to our senses would we not, and pay the steelmen what they asked? They would be within the protection of recent judgments in taking such action, how-ever ghastly the effects, not because of a subjective-objective dis-

permitted to act wherever they wish

vithout official restraint and wholly

contrary to the Lancaster House agreement. How are these contradictions reconciled? And why cannot accusations against Mr Mugabe's forces be substantiated in the same

way as those against the auxiliaries?

are providing Lord Soames with hard information and not just repeating second-hand allegations,

why does he refuse to pass on this

evidence to the public and the press? Our fear is that Lord Soames

s the prisoner of the considerable

hostile propaganda against Mr Mugabe and that Her Majesty's

Mugabe and that Her Majesty's Government has renounced the part

of honest broker that she once

Yours faithfully,

ERIC STOKES.

Churchill College,

C. R. WHITTAKER,

If the official British observers

It is not only that they could honestly believe that such action would further their claims on the Government and people, surely it would objectively do so! All this would, of course, be accompanied by honest and heartfelt expressions of regret that they had been forced to do this to us all.

It is this possibility, is it not, that could not have been conceived of by those who framed the legislation of 1905 r Yours sincerely.

YORICK WILKS.
Professor of Linguistics,
University of Essex, Colchester.

From Sir Robert Birley Sir, Anyone v ho has had any dealings with Africa in recent years must be aware of the problems created there by tribalism, and African states are often criticized for their readiness to give in to it.

I remember about 15 years ago a young African civil servant in Kenya in their Department of Education saying to me: "Please be patient with us. Give us 25 years and if by that time we have succeeded in getting the better of tribalism there may be some hope for us."

During the last few months I have heard on the wireless or television any number of statements from trade union leaders and from ordinary members of the unions. Again and again I have beard them stress the overwhelming importance of loyalty to their trade unions.

No reference has been made to the effect of their actions on the country as a whole, or on sometimes thousands of workers in other industries. Again and again I have been reminded of tribalism. The attitude of mind and the arguments used are identical.

Had we not better stop criticizing African states for the strength of their tribalism until we have learnt how to deal with our own?

Tribes and trade unions often have a good case. But in the world today there are crucially different lovalties to be considered. It is an casy way out to think that only one which perticularly affects one's own interests matters. ROBERT BIRLEY,

Lomans. West End Somerton, Somerset.

From Mr Nigel Forman, MP for Sutton Carshalton (Conservative) Sir, In your recent editorial about industrial relations (February 9), I believe you overestimate the effectiveness of the law in curbing trade union power. Industrial dis-putes are, indeed, decided by relative bargaining power, but in modern conditions this is only partly determined by the state of the law. Far more important influences upon the outcome of any industrial dispute are the capacity of the employer to pay and the capacity of the trade union to keep

its members out on strike.

Do you suppose, for example, removal of legal immunit from all secondary action or the recourse to trade union funds in damages would provide anything other than a militants' Charter, undermining all the patient efforts of moderates in the union move-

Do you suppose that the imposi-tion by statute of a requirement for secret ballots in key internal decisions would be the best way to encourage the trade union rank and file to demand such procedures from their leaders?

Surely our experience with the ill-fated 1971 Industrial Relations Act should have told us that legislative changes designed to bring about a more equal balance between employers and employees will only last in this country if they are made on the basis of full consultation and

at least the tacit consent of those most directly affected. Such consent may be forthcoming we proceed cautiously on the lines advocated by Mr Prior and in the wise tradition of Stanley Baldwin and Walter Monckton. It it almost certain to be forfeited if the Government takes your advice and tries to do too much too quickly.

NIGEL FORMAN. House of Commons. February 10.

From Mr H. R. Underhill Sir, The inalienable right of a man to withdraw his labour is one of the sacred cows of trade union philosophy. Surely there must be a corresponding right for a man to honour his contract of employment, if he so wishes, without being abused intimidated, threatened or assaulted or having his own, or his employer's property damaged by acts of hooliganism, which are de-grading in a civilized society and which are now, quite unlawfully, brought under the umbrella of so-called "picketing". Yours faithfully.

H. R. UNDERHILL, 55 West Street, Chichester, West Sussex. February 8.

Felixstowe.

Insurance eye-opener

From Mr J. S. Marriott Sir, Your correspondent (Mr Barry Flynn, February 6) comments on e nuclear exclusion clause in his spectacle insurance policy. He will find that a similar clause applies to his household goods, his car and all that is his.

I therefore suggest that when nuclear attack is imminent he should load all his possessions into his car, put on his spectacles and drive for some remote mountain

Provided that his insurers have done the same, he will then con-tinue to enjoy the cover provided by the remaining sections of his Yours faithfully. J. S. MARRIOTT, 22 Forgrove Lane,

### Propriety of an abdication poll

From Lord Clancarty

Sir. I am appalled by the Marplan

poli as to when our wonderful Queen

should abdicate (Roport, February. 8). In my opinion, and of manyothers, it is in extremely bad taste. Furthermore, I am surprised that
such a good magazine as Nou!
should have devoted such a long. article about it.

Article about it.

Most people in this country agree that our Royal Family are doing a superb job. The Queen Mother is lovely. The Queen is very much loved and is carrying out her work splendidly. So is Prince Philip. Prince Charles is absolutely tops. Why cannot this wonderful family be left to decide certain matters

A craftsman's tradition

CLANCARTY.

House of Lords.

From Sir George Trevelyan Sir, Edward Barnsley, one of the greatest of craftsmen, celebrated his eightieth birthday on February 7. Let us do him benour for half a century of inspiration and leader-this in the graft movement. His ship in the craft movement. His farher, Sidney, with his friend Fruest Gimson, directly inspired by William Morris, established the Cotswold tradition of fine furniture making, which did so much to give Britzin her place in the emergence of the Modern Movement in design.

Edward Barnsley set up his Frox-field workshops in 1923 and there developed the tradition in his own style, demonstrating how superla-tive quality of hand-work can be combined with use of machines. A continuous stream of splendid pieces bas flowed from his workshop, mostly for individual clients, but also to grace cathedrals, colleges, boardrooms and ministries.

Of the 24 craftsmen who have with Barnsley over the years, 19 came as apprentices. Many others have been through the training in this great tradition as students and hare set up their workshops or gone forth as teachers. A Trust is being formed and it is planned to launch an appeal to raise funds, so that a master crafts-man may be appointed to take over the running of the workshop and to train apprendices. This would lift the weight from Barnslev's shoulders, allowing him to concentrate on designing. It would also secure the survival of the workshop with all the accumulated experience. with a!) the accumulated experience

it represents. To support this project would surely be the finest way in which we could acknowledge what the present revival of the crafts owes to Edward Barnsley. The scheme would give the opportunity for young men really to experience the discipline of a great craft tradition. There could be no finer training both in skill and therector. Yours faithfully.

GEORGE TREVELYAN.
Founder and Director, Wrekin Trust. Dove House, Little Birch,

Hereford. February 8.

### An over-generous master From Mr J. W. McAnuff

Sir, I have now heard an Assistant Secretary in the Home Civil Service, an Assistant Matron of a local authority old people's home, and my own university student daughter and some of her friends say to me, with varying degrees of coyness and candour, that the State is paying them more than enough.

Experience of the public service index-linked pensioner who apolo-gerically tells you the size of his last increase is commonplace. What is it then that makes this Government (above all governments since the war) talk so much and do so little about the wholly insupportable size of its spending?
Yours faithfully.

JOHN W. McANUFF, Red Cortage. Long Bottom, Sear Green. Beaconsfield. February 8.

### Into the hazard From Mr M. D. Ross

Sir, In recent years some of the world's best brains have been applied to improving the ease and comfort of air travel. Tickets are booked and amended by computer; one can reach Singapore in nine hours, and planes can land and take off in fog. Could not someone somewhere

design a baggage trolley which could be controlled by us simple passengers, or must we continue to suffer machines which insist on moving crab-wise with the apparent aim of damaging the maximum number of fellow-passengers' number ankles? Yours faithfully. M. D. ROSS.

Manor House, via Warrington. February 4.

### Departed grandeur From Mr Peter Heinze

Sir, Now that the building work around Euston Station is complete. we see there would have been ample room for the re-siting of Fiardwick's Doric gateway. Yours faithfully. PETER HEINZE. Church House, The Village, Prestbury, Cheshire. February 1.

Cover story

From Mr T. D. Dampney Sir, Is the recent increase in postal charges in order to cover storage? THEO DAMPNEY, Parley Court, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset. February 9.

# **SOCIAL NEWS** The Duke of Edinburgh will present the first Country Life and Farming Award at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, on February 20.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a Sportsman's Night in aid of the Sunshine Fund for Bland Babics and Young People at the Players' Theatre, Villiers Street, London, WC2 on February 20.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Board of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, on February 21.

Crown Princess Maria da Gloria of Yugoslavia gave birth to a son on February 5, in Chicago.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Mr J. M. Adams Beck will be held at St Botolph-without-Aldersgate. EC1, on Thursday, February 28, 1980, at noon.

### Birthdays today

General Sir John Arther. 56; the Hon Anthony Berry, MP, 55; Lord Boothby, 80; Mr John Burke, 56; Sir James Dunnett, 66; Vice-Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, 52; Lord Granville of Eye, 81; Lord Greene of Harrow Weald, 70; Mr Anthony Howard, 46; Lord Moyola, 57; Signor Franco Zeffirelli, 57.

### The Queen to open

Viking exhibition The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will visit the British Museum tomorrow to inaugurate the exhibition, "The Vikings". which will open to the public on

which will open to the public on Thursday.

In consequence of the visit, Rooms 50-52, containing the displays of Anarolian and Iranian antiquities and the history of British coins, will be closed to the public. Access to certain other exhibition galleries on the upper floor may be restricted during the afternoon.

### Mountbatten lecture

General J. W. Pauly, Commander of the Allied Air Forces Central Europe and Commander in Chief of the United States Air Forces in or the United States Air Forces in Europe, is to give this year's Mountbutten Lecture at Edinburgh University. The lecture, on "The Employment of Air Power in the Central Region", will be at 5.15 pm today.

### Baron Hunt

of Tanworth The life barony conferred on Sir John Joseph Benedict Hunt has been gazetted, by the name, style and title of Baron Hunt of Tanworth, of Stratford-on-Avon in the County of Warwickshire.

### Today's engagements

The Queen holds investiture, Buckingham Pulace, II.
The Duke of Edinburgh, patron of Licensed Victualiers' National Homes, attends the "Change of Keys" dinner, Connaught Rooms. Great Queen Street, 7.
The Prince of Wales, Duke of Corwall, visits Duchy properties, Avon.

Avon.

The Duke of Gloucester opens con-

The Duke of Gloucester opens conference on "How to profit from timber frams today", Cavendish Conference Centre, 9.45.

The Duchess of Kent, as Controlier Commandant, attends Women's Royal Army Corps conference, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, 19.20.

Exhibitions: Literary portraits, etchings, prints and drawings, by Jacqueline Morreau, Bernard Stone, The Turret Bookshop, 43 Floral Street, Covent Garden. Prints, Aberbach Fine Art Gailery, 17 Saville Row, 10-6.30. "From Hollar to Heldeloff", Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.50. "50 years of Irish Architecture (1930-1980)", by Patrick Delans, Royal Institute for the print of the print o

Architecture (1930-1980) ". by Patrick Delany, Royal institute of British Architects, 86 Port-land Place, 6.13. Poetry reading: Liam O'Flaherty, Francis Stuart, Bryan Gainness, Denis Johnston, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.

7.30. Book Fair : Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, 10-3.30. Lunchtime music: Organ recital Lunchtime music: Organ recital by Denis Puckette, St Peterupon-Cornhill, 12:30; Maurice Bourge, oboe, Colette King, piano, City Music Society, Bishopsgate Hall, Bishopsgate, 1:05. Memorial service: Mr C. A. Settle, QC, Temple Church, 4:45pm.
Musical tribute: Mr James Lawrie, Lyric Theatre, King Street, Hemmerswith, noon.

### Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the
National Coal Board, was the guest
speaker at last night's meeting of
the Royal Over-Seas League discussion circle held at Over-Seas
House, St James's. Captain William
Law was in the chair.

### Funeral

Lady Doris Vyner
The funeral of Lady Doris Vyner
took place at Putney Vale yesterday. The Rev C. G. Rogers officiated at the service. Among ciated at the service. Among those present were:
Leutenant-Commander Clare Vyner ihusband', Mr and Vis Henry Vyner ison and daughter-in-law, Miss harriot and Miss Booker Vyner arand the service of the Loyd. Mr and Mrs Christopher Wooshouse.
The Earl of Scarbrough, Barbare Counthe Earl of Scarbrough, Barbare Counthe Moray. Lord Kinther, Rith
Lody Free House.
Sir Martin Ciliat, Mr Justice and Lady
Vinelott, Lady (Charles) Troughton,
Mr Michael Brand, Mr Robin Compiton, Mr W. Rac Cullimore. Mr MyeClark, Mrs Euan Ferguson, Major John
Griffin, Mr D. Honderson, Miss Mary
Henderson, Miss Clare Hongerson, Mrs
Paul Hyde Thus Son & Hongerson, Mrs
Cowre, Mr. B. Leveson-Gower and
Mr M. Palmer,

bridge internationals By Our Bridge Correspondent 1 cams:
Northern Ireland: J. Paul. K. Hawtin;
G. Mackenzie, J. Ryder: N. PercivalPrice, K. Singleton: non-playing captain. R. Corrick
Scotland: B. Shenkin, V. Goldberg: D.
Diamond, D. Finestone: T. Tulbertson,
Thomas, non-playing capsain. C. D.
Thomas, non-playing capsain. C. D. The second weekend in the home countries bridge internationals for the Camrose Cup was one of violent fluctuations.

N Ireland lead in home

the Camerose Cup was one of wholent fluctuations.

In Larne, Northern Ireland, who were leaders after the first weekend with an unchanged team, looked to be coasting to a comfortable victory over Wales, winning the first two matches 9—3 and 8—4, only to lose the third match 0—12 for a total of 17—19.

In Glasgow, England did even worse against Scotland, After winning the first match 11—1 they lost the second 0—12 and in the third match, after being level with five boards remaining, lost 22 IMPs for a 3—9 victory point final score.

final score.

It was the first three-match series England have lost for three years. With five victory points separating the four teams, everything now depends on the final weekend on March 15-16, when the final play for the final weekend play for the final weekend on March 15-16, when England play Northern Ireland and Wales play Scotland. League table:

Nerthern Ireland 58: Scotland 37; Water 56: England 55.

ownado, ales: R. G. Upion, J. Salisbury: Dr . Martin. P. D. Jourdain; D. M. owoll. C. Herd: non-playing captain, Bares Little, P. D. Jourdain. D. M. Browell. C. Herd: non-playing captain. J. Island. R. A. Priday. C. Rodrique: A. R. Forrester. R. Smolad: R. Mervis. A. C. Ridgierwood: non-playing captain. R. E. Stanley. The Stratford-upon-Avon Waddington's Congress concluded on Sunday with the final session of the championship teams for the Avon Cup, which was won by a Somerset team, with a Middlesex team second and the team containing the world stars, Giorgio Belladonna and P.P. Assumpcao, tying for third place. B. Posner and J. Sadler of Middlesex won the Lucas Cup for the Victor Ludorum after their pairs win on Saturday, with second place in the team.

The sand R. Saler and J. Samera P. Danner C. Saler and J. Waterlow. IMiddlesex is equal 5 G. Reiladonna italy, M. Hoffman it. Or Reiladonna italy, M. Hoffman it. Razili. and P. Laddin. P. Shields: and Mrs. J. Rudolf (North-Westi.)

# A team from Sharpshooters: the yesterday. They competed against 10-

Women's Royal Air Force retained the girl teams from the Women's Royal right, are Senior Aircraftwoman Sue Women's Interservice Rifle Shooting Naval Service and the Women's Royal Ellis, Lance-Corporal Jo MacDonald Championship Trophy at Guildford Army Corps, firing .22 target rifles at and Leading Wren Julie Gale.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. W. A. Cole and Miss H. Hughes-Onslow The engagement is announced between David, son of Sir David and Lady Cole, of 49 Dravion Gardens, London, SW10, and Hen-rictts. daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Hughes-Onslow, nf 32 God-frey Street, London, SW3.

Mr C. G. Oswin and Miss J. B. Y. Dorman and Miss J. 8. Y. Dorman
The engagement is sunnounced
between Charles, son of Mrs H. G.
Oswin and the late Commander
H. G. Oswin. RN. of Pulborough,
West Sussex, and Joanna, eldest
daughter of Sir Maurice and Lady
Dorman, of Overton, Mariborough,
Willishire.

Mr R. Hughes and Miss A. Lobb

and Miss A. Lobb
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Brigadier and Mrs Patrick Hughes, of Wispers Farm, Nairobi, Kenya, and Alice, only daughter of Mr Eric Lobb, of Newlands, Radiert, Hertfordshire, and Mrs H. M. B. Lobb, of Tucson, Arizona, United States.

Mr E. B. Smiley and Mrs S. R. Tindall

engagement is announced the marriage will take place and the marriage will take place in May between Eric, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T. B. Smiley, of Bridge Farm, Litcham, King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Susan, daughter of the late Commander C. E. J. Streatfeild and Mrs Streatfeild. of Denbay, Broadoak, Bridport, Dorset.

Dr J. R. C. Armstrong and Miss P. A. G. Leslie The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs G. P. Armstrong, of Shamley Green, Surrey, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. K. Leslie, of Beatonsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. Foster-Turner and Miss M. G. Staveley
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. M. Foster-Turner, of Stokenchurth, Buckinghamshire, and Malia Gail, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. B. Staveley, of Awali, State of Bahrain.

Mr G. R. Gordon, RN and Miss S. A. Bowden The engagement is announced between Sub-Lieutenant Graeme R. Gordon, only son of Captain and Mrs Alistair McL. Gordon, and Sharon Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert John Bowden.

hir R. N. Andrewes and Miss C.-A. Hayford and Miss C.A. Haylord
The engagement is announced
Andrewes, of Southern Road,
London, N2, eldest son of the
late Mr and Mrs F. N. Andrewes,
and Carol-Anne, only daughter of
Mr and Mrs L. Haylord, of Fortis
Green, London, N2.

Marriage

Mr N. W. Andrews and Miss D. L. Duniels The marriage took place in Syd-The marriage took place in Sydney, Australia, on Saturday,
February 9, between Mr Nicholas
Andrews, eldest son of Mr and
Mrs M. Audrews, Littleworth
Farm Cottage, Esher, Surrey, and
Miss Deborah Daniels, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs A.
Daniels, Woollahra, New South
Wales.

### High Renaissance quandary for Mr St John-Stevas

By Geraldine Norman ale Room Correspondent

Sale Room Correspondent
Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Minister for the Arts, seems poised to
pass the controversial, High
Renaissance case of Algardi's
marble bust of Mgr Cerri on to
one of his Whitehall colleagues. In
a statement at the weekend he said
that the case "raises complex
issues not all of which are for me
to resolve".

The reviewing committee on the

issues not all of which are for me to resolve".

The reviewing committee on the export of works of art is known to have advised the minister that he should refuse the bust an export licence for some months to allow a British institution to try to raise the money to purchase it. It has also advised that the bust should be valued at £200,000, rather than the £265,000 at which Agnew's have applied to export it to the Metropolitan Museum, in the United Bisters.

A decision on whether to take

A decision on whether to take that advice properly lies with the Minister for the Arts, and with him alone. However, new issues

have been raised by the disclosure last week that Agnew's bought the bust in partnership with the international dealing group, Artemis, and with Eugene Thaw of New York. That may have contravenede the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act, 1927, since the three dealers did not ludge a letter with the auctioneers informing them that they were planning to bid jointly.

It is almost two months since the reviewing committee first considered the issue, but it seems likely that a decision will still be long delayed. "The issues are likely to take a little time to dispose of", according to Mr St John-Stevas.

The dealers are losing interest payments on the money invested in the bust and the Manchester City Art Gallery,
"I have had encouraging notes

"I have had encouraging notes from the London art world", Mr Timothy Clifford, director of the Manchester gallery, said yester-day,

# Chinese art makes £49,768 By Our Sale Room minor itsetts rather than a few

A sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art at Christie's yester-day seemed to indicate a shortage of buyers for lesser items. The sale total was £45,768, with 21 per-cent unsold. Most of that per-centage was of pieces in the £200 to £300 range; there were many

minor itsems rather than a few big ones unsold.

The top price was £4,200 (estimate £900 to £1,200) for a set of eight diemaker's rectangular pottery wall tiles; they are moulded to depict Daoist immortals and coloured with turquoice, subtergine, straw and other glazes. They date from the midseventenuth century.

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Minister

of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held in honour of M Alexandra Bay, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, at 1 Cariton Gardens vesterias.

England

Sir Reginald Murley, president of
the Royal College of Surgeons of
England, yesterday entermined at
luncheon at the college, Viscount
Leverhume, Sir Barrie Heath, Sir
Alan Parks, Mr Trevor Holdsworth
and Professor G. Slaney.

Viscount Norwich
Viscount Norwich, a vice-president
of the Byron Society, held the
annual dinner of the society in
the House of Lords last night.
The Earl of Bessborough presided
and the Countess of Longford also
spoke. Among others present
were:

The Counters of Beasborough, the Earl of Longford, Lord and Lady Abinger. Lord Brockel, Lady Daty, Mr and Mrs. John Alurray, Professor Brwin Sturd, Mr ian Scott-Kilvert, Mr William St. Ciair and Mrs Elma Dangerfield.

The Lord Chencellor, accompanied by the Hon Mary Claire Hogg, were present at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayorass at the Mansion House yesterday. Others present included.

Royal Navai Engineering Quart

The fiftieth anniversary dinner of

Royal College of Surgeons of

Luncheons

yesterday.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress

cluded:

Commonwealth feel at Edinburgh Festival

Edinburgh
A strong Commonwealth flavour will mark this year's Edinburgh Festival, to be held for three weeks from August 17. Programme details show a widely cast international net, with artists from Australia. Canada and New Zealand among those from twenty or more countries taking part.

The full programme is not complete, partly because the grent from the Scottish Arts Council remains unknown to the festival organizers, but there will be at least 150 performances. It join Drummond, the director, said: "I cannot announce everything because I still do not know how much money I have got. There are a number of extras good to have in the programme but they depend on the size of the grant?

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Church news

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Chester, Mr Naymous Woking, chartered surveyor £361,064

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Irish Republic . . . £170,543 Holbrook, Mrs Rhoda Jage, of Newton Abbot . . £169,843

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college, has been appointed to the
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From The Times of Friday, Feb 11,

Death penalty By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

Wesiminster, Thursday. — Although somebody shouted. "Shame" when the crowded Commons learned tonight that a free vote had decided by 245 to free vote had decided by 245 to 214 against an experimental sus-pension of the death penalty for murder for five years and the substitution of life sentence, the debate had maintained a gravely judicial mood which Major Lloyd-George, the Home Secretary, had done much to set. He had to ex-

The fitteth anniversary dinner of the Royal Naval Engineering Quart Club was held at the Astor Hotel, Plymouth, on Saturday, February 9, 1980. The guests of honour were Dr F. L. King Lewis, Vice-Admiral W. T. Pillar and Captain P. G. Hammerslay, RN, Lieurensnt-Commander W. Weston, RN, presided. plain not only his own reasons for

plain not only his own reasons for voting in favour of suspension in 1948, but the reasons why the Government regarded as misconceived the Labour amendment for it moved tonight by Mr Sydney Silverman with some Conservative support. The Home Secretary was set upon roundly at the end of the debate by Mr Paget who brought a sort of icy passion to the thesis that the death penalty itself was a cause of murder. Major Lloyd-George clearly restated his personal view, reinforced by this experience at the Home Office, that if an alternative to capital punishment could be found, satisfactory as a deterrent and to the public conscience, he and to the public conscience, he would welcome its abolition, but not otherwise.

### Science report

### Heroin addiction: A new treatment

Supplement

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A new narcotic drug, buprenorphine, which promises to be a safe and highly effective treatment for heroin addiction, has had a successful clinical trial. It combines the positive features of the two leading pharmacotherapies for heroin addiction, methadone and naltrexone, while avoiding some of their drawbacks.

Buprenorphine is in pharmacological terms "a partial opiate agonist-antagonist". It acts as an antagonist to heroin, completely blocking its effects, while giving agonistic, or pleasurable, effects of its own. Unlike methadone, it does not produce significant physical dependence. Naltrexone, which is non-addictive, has no mood-elevating effects and is not a popular treatment with heroin addicts.

A 40-day trial at McLean Hospital Religion.

A 40-day trial at McLean Hospital, Belmont, Massachusetts, was conducted by Dr Nancy Mello and Dr Jack Mendelson, a wife and husband team from Harvard Medi-

ministered injections by working at a simple task.

On average, placebo subjects took 98 per cent of all heroin available, whereas those on buprenorphine took far less, depending on the dosage they received. The men on 8 mg buprenorphine a day used only 10 per cent of their heroin.

'Since those data are based on a direct behavioural measure of heroin self-administered over 10 days, rather than on retrospective recall or an anticipatory self-report, it appears that buprenorphine maintenance effectively suppresses heroin use hy heroin addicts.' Dr Mello and Dr Mendelson report in Science. son report in Science.

Buprenorphine produces a general feeling of contemment,

cal School. They used 10 male heroin addicts who had been treated unsuccessfully in conventional programmes.

In the course of the study the men were given either buprenorphine or a placebo under double-blind conditions for a period of 10 days, during which they could also "earn" heroin for self-administered injections by working at a simple task.

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"Since those data are based on a direct behavioural measure of heroin self-administered over 10 days rather than the "rush" or rapid "tight" following a heroin injection. Subjects much preferred it to methadone or naltrexone treatment. After buprenorphine was discontinued no one complained of opiate withdrawal symptoms and none was observed. Heroin self-administration is suppressed as effectively by buprenorphine as by naltrexone, which was studied under similar clinical conditions. Addicts' acceptance of naltrexone has been disappointing and most outpatients fail to continued the conditions of the conditions Source: Science (February 1980), vol 207, pages 657-659).

### OBITUARY ----

### PROFESSOR G. E. BLACKMAN Work on development of herbicides

February 8. He was 76.

Geoffrey Emett Blackman was born in Wimbledon on April 17, 1903. He was educated at Kings College School and at St John's College, Cambridge, where he read the Natural Science Tripos, specializing in Botany. He had the advantage, and its attendant drawbacks, of a name already closely associated with his subject. His father, V. H. Blackman, and his uncle, F. F. Blackman, were dominating figures in plant physiology in the first decades of the century; but by middle life G. E. Blackman had earned himself a reputation as distinctive as that of the earlier generation though in a different branch of the subject.

On leaving Cambridge he went as a research student to Roth-amsted and in 1928 became head of the Botanical Division of the newly formed Jealott's Hill Research Station of Imperial Chemical Industries. In 1935 he moved to the Imperial College of Science and Technology as Lecturer in Ecology. One of his main interests during this period was the quantitative analysis of ecological problems and he was a pioneer in the application of statistical methods in this field. Blackman will, however, be remembered not so much as an analysis of the big involve. academic as for his involve-ment in more practical fields of agricultural research to which he turned his attention during the war, and for his subsequent influence on Oxford Agriculture.

At the beginning of the war Botany seemed to be the Cinde-rella of the sciences, but Black-man realised more rapidly than the official mind the contribu-tion men of his maining could

In 1944 the Sibthorpian Chair, England's oldest Professorship in agriculture, fell vacant. The election of Blackman—still a comparative newcomer to agriculture research—came as a surprise to many, but he soon vindicated the judgment of the electors. The old School of Rural Economy became the Department of Agriculture and later the Department of Agricultural Science. It was regregatized to train undergraducultural Science. It was reorganized to train undergraduates and postgraduates—especially the latter—in the application of modern scientific
methods to agriculture. The
Agricultural Research Council
research team which had moved
with Blackman to Oxford was
reconstituted as a Research Unit
of that Council and became increasingly responsible for the
development of chemical herbicides. In due course the expansion of this work led to the
creation of an independent Institute of the Agricultural Research Council, under the direction of one of Blackman's former associates, but research on
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Professor G. E. Blackman, FRS, formerly Sibthorpian Professor of Rural Economy in the University of Oxford, died on February 8. He was 75.

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Programme.
In 1936 he married Audrey Saberte Seligman with whom he shared the enjoyments of his leisure. They were keenly interested in water colour drawings of which they made a dis-criminating collection and to-gether they found great enjoy-ment in a wide circle of friends. In his youth Blackman had been a good athlete. He played Rugby for his college and shot for his university for four years. Twice he was in the English team at Bisley. In widdle life his chief open-air interests were sking to which he devoted an annual winter holiday, and gardening; his col-lection of rhododendrons was a source of particular pleasure. His personal charm and generosity will long be remembered by those who shared his many interests.

diplomats who stray, on retiro-ment, into the world of husi-ness, much to offer to that world; and his advice and help

were in wide and constant de mand. His service on the British National Export Coun-

cil and the Committee for Middle East Trade was especi-ally valuable. He was a keen and active worker for the Order of the Knights of St John.

Andrews was lovable for many

qualities, above all for his self-lessness, loyalty to friends and bubbling boyish humour. Gifted with exceptional vitality he re-

tained to the end a bouncing energy which enabled him always to give of his best. The atreak of intolerance which lurks in all of us, was reserved, in his case, for his comparitors; and idleness than or obliquity

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a than who set for nameri, instinctively and quite unconsciously, the highest standards in
all walks of life. At heart a
countryman, he was happiest in
the open air—best of all if it
were West Country air. A
staunch Devonian, his spirited,
sonorous and unaffected rendering of "Glorious Devon" often
showed his, friends where his

showed his friends where his

His wife, Sadie Nixon, whom he married in 1931—a wonder-ful union of independent spirits

heart really lay.

### Blackman's direction. In 1961 Blackman was elec-SIR EDWIN CHAPMAN-ANDREWS

Sir Edwin Chapman-Andrews, KCMG OBE, died on February 10 at the age of 76. Born on September 9, 1903, he was edu-cated ("dragged up" as he used to say) at Hele's School, Exeter, and went on to Univers-sity College, London—of which he later became a fellow—the Sorbonne and St John's College, Cambridge. He entered the Sorbonne and St John's Contege, Cambridge. He entered the Levant Consular Service in 1926, at a date when that distinguished service still retained to it by the dedicated accentrics who dominated it for so loss were above to the service of the se long. More than any branch of the Consular Service the Levant offered the certain prospect of adventure and early re-sponsibility and this appealed strongly to Andrew's buoyant and courageous temperament.

He started in Egypt, even then the perfect outpost for observing the kaleidoscope of the Middle East, and after three years was moved to Abyssidia, for which country and for its ruler be conceived and retained all his life a deep affection. Ill health necessitated a return to health necessicated a return to health necessitated a return to London and after a spell in the Foreign Office, where he showed himself an excellent desk man—though his heart was always in the field — he went, joyously, to Iraq and a lonely and adventurous life in Kirkuk and Rossandur. and Rowanduz.

who went fer end might have gone much further but for a

succession of undeserved mis-fortunes. He began life as the

son of a railway porter and he ended as Lord Murray of Gravesend, a Labour life pear and former junior minister. While watching Millwall FC last Saturday with his son he collapsed, and he died some hours of recovered in hearing.

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Albert James Murray left school at 14, became a messenger for a Fleet Screet photographic agency, did national service in Malaya and got an arduous though not illpaid job in a Fleet Screet machine room.

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He became eventually a member of the governing council of NATSOPA but he had a political rather than a trade union career. He served on the Southwark borough council, on the LCC and on the London Labour

party executive. His name became nationally known when he was chosen to fight Mr Harold Macmillan at Bromley

He won the marginal Graves

He won the marginal Graves-end seat in 1964, retained it in 1966 but was defeated in 1970. Until then everything had appeared to favour him. He belonged to a precious class which was getting sparser in the parliamentary Labour Party; that is he was a young trade

unionist with a genuine prote-tarian background. He had a quick mind—The Times cross-

he was Deputy Secretary, Mini-stry of Pensions from 1941. From 1946 to 1948 he was Secretary, Ministry of Pensions, and from 1948 to 1956 when he

to Abyssinia as consul at Harsr, talents had full scope. By sheer where a bed attack of black-force of personality he exercised influence to a degree as malaria, brought him near to death and from the effects of which he suffered all his life.

1027 but the suffered all his life. In 1937 he was transferred to only respected but liked him.
Cairo and had the great good and admired his forthrightness fortune to serve under that and political wisdom. They

remerkable Oriental Counsellor Walter Smart, whose sage advice, based on a profound knowledge of the Middle East, might well, if it had not been disregarded by the Embassy and Foreign Office, have altered the whole history of our relations with Egypt. Andrews was in Cairo when the Italians invaded Abyssinia and the was in Cairo when the Italians invaded Abyssinia and the Emperor had to leave his country. Andrews met him on his arrival in Cairo and assured him that in the fullness of time he would return with him to Abyssinia. This indeed came to pass, for in 1942, with a commission in the Royal Sussex Regiment, he accompanied Haile Selassie on his return to his capital.

The rest of his career in the Foreign Service, if less adventurous, was no less fruitful. As Head of Personnel Department, Head of Personnel Department, when the so-called Eden reforms for the amaigamation of the Diplomatic and Consular Services were being planted, he did much to give them a good start and carried on the good work as Inspector of Overseas Establishments at the end of the war. Posted to Cairo as No 2 in the Embassy in 1947, he served there for four years and in 1951, got his first post as Head of Mission in Beirut. He was there for five vears and then went as Ambassador to Khartum, reniring in 1961. In these Ambassadoriel posts his

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panionship and his loyal nature did much to reduce the tensions in that office.

To his eternal credit he never yielded to the temptation to exploit his special knowledge acquired in those days. The job came to an end with the Prime

Minister's resignation and for a short time Albert Murray was

a short time Albert Mutray was innocently employed as a consultant to the late Sir Eric Miller. Made a life peer in Sir Harold's resignation honours list Lord Mutray became a member of the European parliament and he with the late Lord Castle did

much to keep a genial and com-radely spirit in a delegation which was politically deeply

After his European stint ended Lord Murray regularly attended at the House of Lords.

He was still seeking the right niche for his special talent and experience and if this was a cause of anxiety in him it was

always bravely concealed behind a smile and a jest. He leaves

divided.

SIR HAROLD PARKER

quick mind—The Times cross- a widow, Margaret Anne and word was a favourite diversion two children.

### was a talented and indefatig-able artist. They had two sons and two daughters. MR E BRYAN LORD MURRAY OF GRAVESEND

Lord Murray of Gravasend, —he was an easy relaxed who was Private Secretary to speaker and a friendly personsir Harold Wilson from 1974 city without a chip on his shoulder. In appearance he was a chubby, short man with aubern in humble circumstances winkle shining through his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his a chubby, short man with a chubby, short man with a chubby a chip of the his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his speaker and a friendly personsity without a chip on his shoulder. In appearance he was a chubby, short man with LATHAM Mr E. Bryan Lathem, CBE, MM, a leading figure in the timber trade of this country for many years, died on February 7 at the age of 84. He redred from the chairmanship of the James Letham group of companies, timber importers, in March 1971 having spent his entire business life with the company which he joined in 1912 being appointed a director in 1921 marching distance in He had three toyaktes, his family, his party and Millwall PC. In his last year in Parliament he was parliamentary secretary at the Ministry of Transport. In 1974 he became private secretary to Mr Harold Wilson, soon to be Prime Minister once more. Murray's good nature, his quick wit, this talent for companionship and his loyal nature did much to reduce the tensions. in 1921, managing director in 1926 and chairman in 1951 on the death of his father Mr E. Locks Latham.

He was actively involved in the affairs of the timber trade, serving as president of the Timber Trade Federation from 1945 to 1947 and was chairman of the then Timber Development Association from 1943 to 1945 later being elected a vice-president and in 1973 president of its successor the Timber Research and Development Research and Development Association.

Association.

He was a past chairman and a vice-president of the Commonwealth Forestry Association, and founder president of the Institute of Wood Science. He was appointed a Forestry Commissioner in 1957 serving until 1963 and was made CBE in 1964. He was a member of the Furniture and Timber Training Board from 1965 to 1971.

Lathern was the author of a

Ladiam was the author of a number of published works including Timber: Its Development and Distribution (1957), Wood, from Forest to Man (1964), and History of the Timber Trade Federation of the UK (1965).

He served in the Army throughout the First World War, being awarded the MM and later being commissioned. During his retirement he graduated BA (Hous) from the Open University.

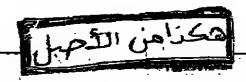
Frederick House, Bt. Lord Mayor of London, 1961-62, died on January 26. She was Oonah Alice, daughter of Brig-Gen D. R. Siaden, CMG, DSO and she married Sir Frederick House as his second wife in 1974. His first wife, founder of the Lady Hoare Trust for

Lady Houre, wife of Sir

Sir Harold Parker, KCB, KBE, MC died on February 5, at the age of 84. Educated at Haberdashers' School he entered the Exchequer and Audit Department in 1914. He served during the First World War gaining his MC in 1918, and afterwards entered the Treasury in 1919.

Parker became a Principal Assistant Secretary in 1938, and during the Second World War he was Departy Secretary, Ministry of Pensions from 1941.

From 1946 and KCB in 1946 and KCB in 1946. He married in 1926, Kath helidomide and other physic-less Maud Gibbs. They had two ally handicapped children, died in 1973.



The price of disappointed expectations, page 17

### Stock markets FT Index 469.9 up 8.5 FT Gilts 66.39 down 0.1

- Sterling \$2.3045 up 60 points Index 73.0 up 0.2
- **■** Dollar
- Index 85.1 unchanged
- Gold \$712.5 up \$14.5
- **Money** 3-mth sterling 17% to 17% 3-mth Euro \$ 141 to 143 6-mth Euro \$ 141 to 141

### IN BRIEF

### Cement to cost 24pc more next month

Britain's construction industry received a further body blow last night when cement manufacturers announced a 24 per cent price rise. The increase from March 1 pushed up the price of both ordinary pertland and rapid-hardening portland cement

The Cement Makers' Federation sold last night that the rise was due to the "substantiincreasing costs?

energy.

The federation also pointed out that major producers of cement needed to begin a move towards achieving a sufficient return on capital employed.

### Maintenance study

One person in 12 in manufacturing industry is engaged in maintenance, according to a study published by the Centre for Interfirm Comparison. Annual meintenance costs in Britain amount to 25 per cent of the value of the plant em-ployed or between £10,000m to

### Morden plant to close

Muirhead, the electrical and electronics components group, is to close its Morden. Surrey factory and transfer production to its plants in Beckenham,

### Copper price surge

Speculative buying which de-eloped on news of a build-up of Cuban, Angolan and Zaire rchel forces on the aire border caused a sharp advance in copper prices yesterday At the afternoon close in the London Metal Exchange ring, cash wire bars had advanced £42.50 per tonne on the day to £1.351 and three-month futures were £49 up on the day at £1,355.50

### £1.568m surplus

Britain's chemicals industry carned a trade surplus of £1.568m last year, slightly up on 1978. Imports rase by 23 per cent to £3.598m, while exports increased by 17 per cent to £5.166m. The deficit with other European Community producers narrowed last year, from £160.3m to £134.3m.

### Prospects in Algeria

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British companies are chasing contracts worth £1,200m in Algeria, Mr Cecil Parkinson. Minister for Trade, said on his return from North Africa.

Glasgow factory threat Up to 500 of the L000 workers at the Smith-Corona type-writer plant in Glasgow, Strath-clyde, are expected to be laid off because of a fall in orders.

### IMF currency plan

Countries with large cash surpluses, such as oil producers, should be able to hold "part of their surplus in a currency managed internationally by the managed internationally by the IMF and firmly backed, perhaps by the IMF's gold," M. Jacques de Larosiere, the IMF directorgeneral, said, in an interview on French radio.

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the self-regulatory system of advertising control by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) is recommended by a joint working party of advertising interests, consumer Wall Street down On the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.14 points to 889.59. In terms of Special Drawing Rights, the United States dollar was 1.31711 a joint of a joint of the pound sterling 0.570919.

### further surge in inflation WHOLESALE PRICES

A grim warning of the inflationary pressures now in the tionary pressures now in the pipeline came yesterday with unexpectedly bad figures for wholesale prices last month. British manufacturers pur up their prices by 21 per cent in January, the largest monthly increase since April 1977,

prices points to

Raw material costs shot up by 3; per cent, bringing the rise over the 12 months to January to 271 per cent, according to official figures released yesterday by the Department of Industry.

Dearer oil has played a big part in pushing up manufac-turers costs and prices. Almost two thirds of the January rise in input prices, or raw material costs, was caused by higher prices for crude oil.

The increases in oil prices at the end of last year are now teeding through to factory gate or output prices (those charged by wholesalers). Oil accounted for about a third of the 21 per cent rise last month.

Wholerale prices provide some guids to the likely level of shop prices in the coming months. The recall price index. which covers these and other which covers these and other costs such as housing, is rising at just over 17 per cent a year. The January figure, to be published on Friday, will almost certainly show a sharp acceleration in this measure of inflation and will include the January fice in mortage interest rates. rise in mortgage interest rates. On a six monthly comparison,

however, there may be some improvement in the figure, because the effect of the large Budget rise in VAT will drop

Wholesale nutput prices went up by 17; per cent in the year to January. This was a sharp increase on the 15; per cent rise in the 12 months to December. There was a smaller upturn in the six-monthly measure of wholesale prices which rose from 15.3 per cent in December to 15.6 per cent last month.

January is traditionally a had onth because many manufacturers put up their prices. How-ever, the rise last month was worse than expected.

Inquiry on

Gold Fields

taken advantage of the aboli-

tion of exchange controls, under which a foreign stake of 10 per

cent or more in a British com-pany needed Bank of England

Although a company subject

to British law is liable to the

rule specifying that holdings of

5 per cent or more in another

British company must be

revealed, this is hard in prac-

tice to enforce against a

So Gold Fields is afraid that

a strategic stake is heing built

up in the company, to the possible detriment of other shareholders. The company believes that only a few buyers

are in the market because if more were involved, the great secrecy which has surrounded the operation would be difficult

Approaches were made to the Stock Exchange for help, but

Mr Gordon Borrie, Director

General of Fair Trading, should have power to take out injunc-tions against anybody respon-sible for misleading advertising in newspapers, magazines,

foreign company.

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By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

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ence that manufacturers are squeezing their profit margins to hold on to markets. The rise in raw material costs over the last few months far exceeds the rise in output prices. Costs have gone up by 15 per cent—more than 30 per cent at an annual rate—over the six months to January, Labour costs have also been increasing rapidly. Earnings in this pay round appear to be uning up by at least 17 or 18 per cent on

The beginnings of recession, coupled with very strong com-petition from abroad now that sterling is so strong, are putting pressure on British companies to hold down prices. However, retail prices are still widely expected to rise to 20 per cent early this summer.

Sterling's strength helped to keep price rises helow what they would other-wise he. Given the poor out-look for inflation, the Govern-ment is probably relieved to some extent at the strength of

of England has intervened in the markets in the last two months to smooth out the pound's rise. It is now 12; per cent higher against a basket of currencies than a year ago. The gold boom also accounted for some of industry's increased costs last month. Dearer gold, silver and copper were important elements in the 41 per cent rise in the cost of materials other than oil bought materials other than oil bought by manufacturers outside the

fond sector.

Food prices have exerted a moderate influence on the wholesale price indices. There was a ! per cent full between December and January in the by the food industry.

Over the year to January, non-food industries faced cost

increases of more than 40 per com, despite the benefits of sterling's rise. Raw material costs of food manufacturing industries in contrast rose by per cent in the year.

A similar partern is shown in the Index for output prices.

Those charged by non-food manufacturers went up by 31 per cent between December and lanuary, bringing the rise over three months to 5 per cent. Food manufacturers put up their prices by only 1 per cent in the month, and by 34 per cent in the three months. The dismal outlook for infla-tion in the coming months pre-

sents the Chancellor with hard choices in his Budget. It is expected that he will decide to raise excise duties on tobacco, alcohol and petrol in line with inflation. The value of these duties is croded year by year

If the Chancellor restored all the specific duties to their value of a year ago, this would add an estimated 1 per cent to the retail price index. It would be even more inflationary to re-store the duties to their real value of 1977, when they were last raised. But the Chancellor will have to raise indirect taxes if he is to be able to cut income taxes in the Eudget. Big rate the pound.

The damaging effect of a the inflationary spiral this strong pound on British indus-spring.

# Job subsidy payments will be liable for tax

Inland Revenue has decided that payments made in the form of temporary employment subsidy (TES) are trading in favour of the temporary receipts and, as such, liable to tax in the normal way.

The decision, given vesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, could mean that companies hard-pressed industries face claims for backdated tax.

Last night, Inland Revenue officials were unable to give an indication of the sums involved. However, it is esti-mated that more than £440m will have been paid out in TES מי הְשְׁ payments cease in March this year.

TES was introduced in August, 1975, and closed for applications on March 31, 1979. the number of inquiries, it had now been decided to clarify the position.

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Type Industry SWP progress report 1980, available free from NEDO Books, 1 Steel House, 11 Totall Street, London. It was used to encourage companies in trading difficulties to defer threatened redundancies. A subsidy of £20 a week, payable for a maximum of 12 months, was offered for each full-time job maintained. apparently without success. Even if an inquiry was started promptly, the delay might be enough to allow the buyer to increase his stake.

looking at the problem under

was reconstituted by Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister for Con-sumer Affairs. She will now

consider how far the Govern-

ment will act on the working party's recommendations, par-ticularly in view of current discussions on an EEC direc-

live on misleading and unfair

There have been fears that

advertising.

the Labour Government and controls.

After taking legal advice, the end of last year TES was still covering 18,600 people. The scheme was abandoned, largely under pressure from European Community partners, short time working compensa-

> Yesterday, the Inland Revenue explained that a number inquiries about the appropriate tax treatment of payments under TES had been received. After legal advice, it had been confirmed that payments were to be treated as income receipts.

tion scheme,

"The normal rights of appeal are, of course, available to those who take a different view", a revenue spokesman said.

Inland Revenue officials added it had always been their view that payments were liable to tax in this way. Because of the number of inquiries, it had

### Sharp increase in wholesale Japanese investment call to aid tyre sector

By Edward Townsend
The Government has been urged by an industrial sector working party to encourage working party to encourage United Kingdom investment by the Japanese motor industry in an effort to halt the "serious state of decline" of the nation's tyre manufacturing industry,

The fall in output of the British vehicle industry is seen as a key weakness of the tyre sector and "radical new initiatives" such as Japanese investment are regarded as the only means to avoid sacrificing Britain's future as a major component manufacturer.

In its latest report, the tyre industry working party says that after nearly four years of analysis and monitoring, there has been no visible progress by manufacturers towards meeting market share and production officiency targets set in previous reports, "The SWP now finds itself in need of a fundamental rethink of the prospects and opportunities for the United Kingdom tyre industry.

Tyre making in the United Kingdom is dominated by seven multinational companies which export about 30 per cent of output, and last year achieved a trading surplus of £27m. But in the last seven years, employment has fallen from 47,000 to 36,000 and, says the report, import penetration for some classes of tyre exceeds the total replacement market, its share of world trade exports is declining and its contribution to the bal ance of payments has more than balved in the last two years."

Last year, the industry closed two of its 17 plants and an-nounced the closure of a third. This resulted in the loss of 3,500 jobs in the Liverpool and Glasgow areas and a further loss of 1,500 in London will

occur this year. In 1978, the United Kingdom tyre industry made five million less tyres than in 1970, a reflec-tion of soaring vehicle imports. import penetration of the re placement tyre market for cars has grown from 38 per cent in 1977 to 63 per cent in the sec-

ond quarter of last year. The increase in imports of car tyres largely has come from East European sources and there have been allegations of dumping which are now being investigated by the European

Low productivity in the United Kingdom industry is cited as a major reason for its poor performance, with some plants needing an improvement in production efficiency of 30 had been made by workers in some plants since 1978 and there were large differences in performance between different

The working party, reprsenting the Government, unions and employers, now proposes an intensive six-month work programme which includes programme which includes international plant visits to compare practices in the United Kingdom and abroad, in-plant briefings to encourage higher efficiency and a "strategy con-sultancy" to identify the indus-

ry's prospects
The United Kingdom tyre industry is operating in difficult and unusual conditions associated with major shifts in which the industry is based.

"The SWP feels that by redirecting its efforts on to a
small number of fundamental

Demand for stronger action on misleading advertising interests and the Office of Fair the EEC directive would end the self-regulation system for advertising in the United Kinglooking at the problem under to deceive or mislead. An in-junction could be used as a way of speeding action against an advertiser. The statutory basis would also allow action

against non-members of adver-

The working party, which reported yesterday, argues that the proposed strengthening of tising trade associations. The ASA should develop its procedures for publishing details of complaints upheld against advertisers and, where the self-regulatory system should meet the essential ob-jectives of the Brussels appropriate, ensuring corrective The injunction procedure would be based on a new statements are made, the working party suggests. Advertising statutory duty on advertisers trade associations may also venot to publish anything likely to consider fining members trade associations may also wish

# High income tax receipts help to reduce government borrowing

Financial Correspondent

Buoyant income tax receipts helped the Government to schieve a particularly large sur-

plus on central government account of £2.455m in January. This compares with a surplus of £1,433m in January last year and cuts the central government borrowing requirement for the first 10 months of the present financial year to £7,657m. In spite of the large surplus last month, however, the central government borrowing require-ment for the full financial year

is still expected to be much in line with the £9,564m originally line with the £9,364m originally forecast. Only recently, moreover, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, confirmed that the full-year borrowing requirement for the whole of the public sector was likely to be closer to £9,000m than the £8,300m forecast last November.

The main reason for the

The main reason for the buoyancy in income tax receipts is clearly the large rise in average earnings. So far this has lped to contribute to a rise 141 per cent in Inland Revenue receipts, against the 101 per cent rise that the Government had projected for

the year.

This above forecast rise in Inland Revenue receipts must he particularly welcome to the Government this year. PayCENTRAL GOVERNMENT BORROWING REQUIREMENT

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ments of value added tax have continued to lag behind expec-tation as a result of late pay-

Excise receipts are running a quarter higher than at the same stage last year, it is still fe!t that late payments of VAT could cost the Government several hundred millions in lost revenue in the year ending March 31.

In addition to the shortfall in VAT revenue, the Govern-

ment's accounts are also being affected by expenditure running ahead of schedule. Although the increase in supply Although the increase in supply service expenditure—the major item in central government spending—was only 15.4 per cent higher in January, it is running nearly 17 per cent higher for the first 10 months of the year, some 2 per cent above the trend forecast.

The growth in total consolidated fund expenditure is also

dated fund expenditure is also running some 2 per cent above its trend forecast, at a rate of 17 per cent, largely reflecting. above average growth to date in expenditure on debt interest, Northern Ireland and the European Communities. Although the central govern-

ment account will move back into deficit for the remainder the main tax gathering season is over, revenue has still to be boosted by the bulk of the Government's planned asset sales for the year.

So far special asset sales have realized only £153m. The Government remains confident, however, of reaching its full year target of £1,000m from this source, the greater part of the remainder coming from the remainder coming from the second tranche of payment for the BP chares sold last autumn and forward sales of

### Shares rise as spate Lloyd's faces new court action

over Sasse By Richard Allen
The court battle over the notorious "Sasse sydicate affair", which threatens to rock the Lloyd's insurance market, has taken a new turn.

Lloyd's, which is already being sued by 29 members of the Susse sydicate over its handling of the affair, now faces a cross-action from Sasse Turnbull and Company, the un-derwriting group at the centre of the scandal and one of its co-defendants, Sasse Turnbull has issued a

third-party notice on Lloyd's claiming it should be indemnified by Lloyd's in respect of costs and damages incurred as members of the syndicate.

The Sasse syndicate, No 762, was suspended last year and now faces losses totalling £21.5m. Altogether 36 of the 110 members (or "names") in the syndicate hare refused to pay up, claiming that the business which led to most of the losses was not lawfully introduced to the marker.

At the same time 29 of the "names" have started an action against Lloyd's. Sasse Turnbull, Brentall Beard, the insurance brokers who introduced the business, and others alleging particular dispressions. allegios various discrepancies

in regulatory procedures.

As well as the action against
Lloyd's, Sasse Turnbull is also understood to have issued third party notice against Brentall Beard.

In the action against Lloyd's. which is expected to be strenuously defended, Sasse Turnbull allegos that it was not warned by the market authorities about serious irregularities in Ameri-can business, which came to their attention in 1976.

It also alleges that Lloyd's failed to advise Sasse Turnbull and the Syndicate 762 and the Syndicate 762

mames that is was or might
be in their best interests to
repudiate liability under contracts of insurance purportedly entered into on their behalf in the United States and Canada. The allegations centre on business done under binding authorities", whereby overseas agents can "bind" Lloyd's to policies they underwrite, pro-viding they have been approved to do so by the Lloyd's committee.

Much of the business concerned fire insurance on properties in New York.

Sasse Turabull alleges that when Lloyd's became aware of irregularities, it issued authorities retroactively, appreciating "that in consequence there was or might be a danger of claims being made against Lloyd's cirectly or against Lloyd's Trust Fund in the United States ".

# of bids hits market

A wave of buying based on the return to work at Had-fields, Loarbo's steel company, and a settlement with British Steel Corporation's craftsmen had shares climbing from the start of business yesterday. The enthusiasm spread to

gold shares, oils, Australian issues and commodities, especially rubber and sugar. The FT index finished 8.5 shead at 469.9. At the beginning of the year it was only 407. Bid stocks were particularly busy. S. Hoffnung a group with large industrial and commer-cial interests in Australia.

cial interests in Australia, learnt from the tape services that Burns Philp a conglomerate led by Mr Ron Brierley was bidding £16m cash or 80p a share.
On the stock market the shares rose to 89p, Hoffnung said: "We believe this is a

sighting shot." Compair reports that it is in talks. The shares began climb-ing shead of the announcement there will probably be a Stock Exchange inquiry. A further announcement is promised.
The shares gained 164p to 96p.
Among rumoured bidders are
IC Gas, Consolidated Gold
Fields, Charter Consolidated
and Hawker Siddeley.

Mr Cecil Redfern, who heads Godfrey Davis, Britain's biggest car hire group and one of the largest Ford dealers asked for a halt to share dealings, and promised a statement within 48 hours. It is thought that Roths



Mr Cecil Redfern : asked for a halt to dealings.

child Investment Trust, with 28 per cent of the equity, is not hidding. Operators suggest Lonrho or Tozer Kemsley. Meanwhile gilt edged pro vided a contrast, with losses of a 2 seen throughout the list.

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### Racal counter likely today

from Decce did not materialize yesterday, but a statement is likely Racel has at least to match

General Electric Co's offer for Decca, which at best could be worth around \$100m. It seems certain that Racal will not pull out now. It will probably offer

expected counter hid a similar convertible loon stock Racal Electronics for to that put out by GEC, to to that put out by GEC, to that in the final analysis. Decca shareholders will have to decide whose is the most attractive paper.
Decca shares meanwhile an-

ticipated Racal's move: the ordinary gained 20p to 593p and the "A" non-voting 5p to 444p.

### "Turnover increased by 48% in first half"

reports Arthur Britton, Chairman

**INTERIM RESULTS** 

Six months ended	1979	1978
30 September	£000	2000
Turnover	9.600	6.500
Profit before taxation	746	625

Points from the chairman's statement

Another record six months with pre-tax profits up by

Interim dividend of 1-1p per share on increased share

capital-10% up on 1978.

 Outlook for full year looks good, with increasing contribution from North Sea activities. The Company's shares are traded on The Over-tha-Counter Market Detains of this market together with copies of the full interior Statement are actable from the Secretary, Deborah Sorvices Limited, 10 South Parada, Wallet etc., Yorkshire, Telephone: 0924 78222.

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### Swedish import control moves stir up European protests

of this year to July 1 this year.

Under the present plan, imports and use of cadium as a colouring agent, stabilizer, surface coating and for all

other purposes will be banned

But the CBI is not taking things

# Cadmium rumbles in the corridors of power

A hitter row is rumbling dictable outery. So great was through the corridors of power the clamour that the Swedes in Whitehall, Stockholm and Brussels as a result of moves of the ban from the beginning by the Swedish government to impose controls on imports of

If the proposed ban goes ahead, a whole range of exports to Sweden from many parts of the world will be affected, not to mention the products of Swedish industry itself, which is none to happy about its govecoment's plans.

other purposes will be banned

-except in aircraft, oil paints,
plastics for outdoor use, fertilizers, and for other "essential
public interest" purposes.

The action is being taken on
public health grounds according to the Swedish Government.

But the CRI is not relief things. A vigorous behind-the-scenes battle is being fought involving not only the British Depart-ment of Trade but other EEC Commission agencies and the Swedish authorities. It was more than a year ago

lying down: Its international trade experts have stressed that such an action is contrary to the spirit of the EEC free trade agree-ment with Sweden: that that the proposed cadmium ban ment with Sweden; that would be was mosted. It produced a pre-substitutes for cadium are not shead.

directive.

readily available, and invest-ment and jobs in the United Kingdom would be "needlessly threatened". Millions of pounds' worth of British exports could be affected as a result of a measure which, the CBI claims, is unnecessary.

Moreover, the CBI bas argued, existing knowledge of the effects of cadmium on human beings by no means justifies action on this scale. Its protests have produced a postponement of the implementation of the ban, and a Swedish offer to lay down a special procedure for granting exemptions. While the protests conducts containing cadmium are being asked to provide detailed dossiers of the demage which would be caused if the ban goes

clamour, things have not been going too smoothly in Sweden. The country's Industrial Approvals Board was asked to draw up the list of exemptions but felt that its work was ham-pered by lack of details on what might be considered acceptable toric levels.

It suggested to the Swedish It suggested to the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture that there should be a stay of execution on the measures proposed until 1983, while the sensitive issue of toxicity was resolved. For the moment, everyone is still in the dark. But the word is that the Ministry of Agriculture staff in Stockholm are sympathetic to the idea of a stay of execution.

Peter Hill

programmes.

### Iran action against US bank hits snag

Legal proceedings by Iran's central bank against the Paris branch of Bank America ran into a predictable delay yesterday. The Paris civil court refused

to make a summary judgment on the Iranian action for repayment of \$100m deposited with Bank of America. The court ruled that the Iran central bank should take action under normal court pro-

Regular proceedings in the central bank's action against the Paris branch of the American bank Citibank NA are now due to start on March 5.

The civil court refused last December to make a summary ruling on this action, involving \$550m deposited by Bank Marking with Citibank.

### Deepest mine shaft

Western Deep Levels, one of Anglo-American's gold mines, is proposing to sink the world's deepest gold mine shaft. Together with a new gold plant the shaft, which will reach 3,800 metres completion 1992, will cost R450m

The shaft will be sunk in part of a lease belonging to Western Ultra Deep Levels. The new system is expected to yield 460 tons of ore during hte life of the mine.

### US textile pacts

The United States has con-cluded agreements with Taiwan and South Korea restraining the rate of growth of their textile exports to America, Mr Reiter Webb, chief United States textile trade negotiator, says. The restrictions are similar to those negotiated last month with Hongkong.

### Brazil sets target

Brazil has set a 1980 foreign borrowing target of \$4,100m (about £1,780m) for the public sector's 60 largest companies and their 153 subsidiaries. Their investments will total \$19,000m. China expands firbres

### China's textile industry will

receive more state investment funds and loans this year, with the emphasis on expanding chemical fibre production. New mills will include 21 chemical fibre plants, eight cotton and

Altos Hornos de Vizcava and many of the 4,900 workers of Altos Hornos del Mediterraneo have started a two-day stop-page, joining about 24,000 employees of the Ensidesa company. This means that Spain's three largest steel producers are at a standstill.

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### \$250m debentures issue also expected to be underwritten

# Mitsubishi joins Chrysler rescue

Chrysler Corporation may get some much needed financial help soon from sources it has been pursuing for months—Wall Street and Mitsubishi Motors Co, Chrysler's Japanese partner.

Chrysler, according to Detroit reports, is expected to announce another interim financing arrangement with Mitsubishi this week that would insure the delivery of 40,000 Mitsubishi vehicles to Chrysler by the end of March, even though Chrysler cannot pay for them. Chrysler would have needed \$140m without Mitsubishi's assist-

It is also understood that Chrysler is close to an agreement with E. F. Hutton & Co, a New York securities firm, for Hutton to underwrite all or part of the sale of a \$250m issue of Chrysler deben tures that would be convertible into common stock. Hutton officials would not comment on the report.

Meanwhile, Chrysler executives tried to dampen speculation that the company would soon jointly manufacture or market rears and trucks with Peugeot-Citroen, the French car maker. Last week, Chrysler and Peugeot announced they had agreed to talk about joint manufacturing and marketing; Peugeot also agreed to lend Chrysler \$100m.

It became clear that last week's announcement suggesting joint ventures was

**ICI** invests

£7.2m on

soda ash

Imperial Chemical Industries

ment programme to modernize

By John Huxley

of competition.

export merkets.

Soviet Union.

The decision to spend

In recent months the Euro-

pean Commission has received complaints that soda ash has been "dumped" in Western

been "dumped" in Western European markets by Comecon

producers, and particularly the

The ICI board believes the

knyestment decision, takan after

lengthy discussions, represents a major commitment to the future of the business.

warning that the new sanction

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the group achieve

productivity.

**WESTERN DEEP LEVELS LIMITED** 

WESTERN ULTRA DEEP LEVELS LIMITED

(Both of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

PROPOSED NEW SHAFT SYSTEM AT

WESTERN DEEP LEVELS

Deep Levels Limited by its technical advisers that an additional shaft system be sunk in the southern portion of

the Western Deep Levels lease area and that a new gold

plant with a rated mill capacity of 160 000 tons per month be

constructed at the site. As a preliminary step the board has approved the expenditure of R9.8 million for placing

of orders for long delivery items of equipment and the preparation of the site of the shaft system.

The board of Western Deep Levels has also agreed to enter negotiations with Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited

agreed that, subject to the conclusion of a suitable agree-ment regarding the consideration payable to Western Ultra Deep Levels, it will take such steps as may be necessary to grant Western Deep Levels the right to mine that portion

to grant Western Deep Levels the right to mine that portion of the Western Ultra Deep mineral right area which can be reached from the new shaft system.

The proposal submitted by the technical advisers envisages a twin shaft system which, with all ancillary surface and underground works, including the gold plant, constitutes the first phase of the project. This will reach full production at the end of 1986 at a cost of approximately

R450 million in today's money terms. The projections indicate that, large as this scheme is, it could be financed

out of profits from existing operations, together with the

incremental cash flow which will arise when operations at the new shaft commence in the second half of 1985. How-

ever, the method of financing the project will only be determined when the agreement with Western Ultra Deep

apart from lacintaining the limiting of the southern portion of the Western Deep Levels lease area, a major advantage to be obtained from the siring of the proposed shaft system is that access will eventually be gained to a large tonnage of Ventersdorp Contact reef situated south of the present lease area, in ground where the mineral rights are held by Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited.

Such access will, however, only become possible following the sinking of a sub-vertical shaft system because of the depth of the VCR in the Western Ultra Deep Levels area.

The sub-vertical shaft system is expected to be completed

by 1992, at which stage a depth below surface of 3 880 metres will have been reached.

life of the mine attributable to the whole project are forecast at R715 million in today's money terms.

Icase area and the extension into the Western Ultra Deep

mineral right area is expected to provide over the remaining

life of the mine an extra 56 million tons of ore which should yield an additional 480 tons of gold. The working

costs to be incurred in the new shaft area are expected

to be approximately the same as those applicable to the

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SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

Secretaries

per: C. R. Bull Divisional Secretary

The total additional capital requirements over the

The proposed expansion of operations in the existing

Apart from facilitating the mining of the southern

Levels has been concluded.

existing Nos. 2 and 3 shafts.

Johannachurg. February 12, 1980.

registered shareholders of both companies.

A proposal has been submitted to the board of Western

made largely at Peugeot's request. Chrysler sources said it was intended to blunt any French opposition to the loan.

The money, together with financing from Mitsubishi, the sale of convertible debentures and other sources will help Chrysler pay bills outstanding while it rounds up longer-term financing of some \$2,000m. Chrysler must get that before it can rely on \$1,500m of loan guarentees offered by the Federal government.

It is understood that Chrysler sought Mitsubishi's help because Chrysler itself did not have access any longer to nearly \$400m in letters of credit under an old agreement with Japanese banks. A spokes-man for Mitsubishi in the United States said he was very hopeful that something would be announced in the next few days.

A merger or full partnership with Peugeot was not on the agenda, Mr Lee A. Iacocca, Chrysler chairman, said in an interview, and plans do not exist for equity arrangements of any type" with Peugeot, "We don't have any specific goal" or deadline for any kind of agree-

Addressing the National Automobile Dealers' Association on Saturday in New Orleans, Mr Iacocca also invited all car makers, particularly the Japanese, to build their products in the United States. "I for one would love to see the parking lot of a Honda plant filled with Omnis and Horizons", he said. "But the Japanese seem to be ignoring the invitation. I believe

they do so at their own risk."

Mr Lacocca stopped short of backing a
United Auto Workers' Union stand that
exporters of more than 200,000 cars a year should be required to build assembly plants in the United States.

The Chrysler chairman said: "No one wants to duck fair competition, but the imports are having a field day because the market changed faster than anyone could anticipate. For the time being, we shall have to compete. We have to sell."

Executives at Ford and American Motors also have made increasingly tough comments about the Japanese, who sell three out of four of all imported cars. Only General Motors is endorsing free trade

without qualifications.

The imported car market claimed 22 per cent of the United States market last year and a Los Angeles market research company has predicted foreign car makers will take 27 per cent of the market in

Mr Iacocca did not suggest solutions to offset the \$8,500m trade imbalance reported last year against foreign competition. However, he was not sure that protectionist legislation could be avoided even though he labelled himself "a free trader

# Centre will correlate expertise

The Centre for the Analysis of Technical Change, which is to be set up on the initiative of the Leverhulme Trust, will aim to blend the work of scientists, technologists and social scientists in studies of new technologies and national policy. It will take a particular interest in the use of resources, technological change scientific development. change

has increased to £40m its invest-Much of the centre's work soda ash production at the Mond division's Wallerscote works near Northwich, Cheshire. will be focused on the area between advances in science and technology and the applica-More than 4,000 people are tion of those advances in industry. Technical, economic and social factors will all be engaged in the production of soda ash, which is used mainly in the glass industry. ICI, with a capacity of 1.8 million tonnes a year is Britain's sole supplier. relevant in trying to ease the creation and sensible use of

Its relationship with other producers, mainly Solvay, is being investigated by the European Commission, which believes that the close ties Four specific subject areas have already been identified. First, the use of energy and material resources, where the interaction between research and development, demand, conservation, between producers end customers could be in restraint supply, and social well-being expremely complex.

Second, manufacturing tech-nology-how can it be advanced further £7.2m on the ash finishing plant has been taken when the business is showing in-adequate and declining profit-ability and is facing a strong challenge in both home and to produce greater economic growth, and to what extent should a substantial domestic capacity be maintained in certain basic industries?

Third, adaptations to change in skills and patterns of employment and their implications for effective management and industrial relations.

Fourth, the trade-off between economic advance and social loss where questions of pollution, the conservation of natural resources and new developments in medical care arise.

Sir Michael Swann will be chairman of the organizing body Spanish steel strike

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would not by itself guarantee the future of the works. well as by the Leverhulme It was essential, he said, that Trust.
The centre will be independent of the Government and ments in reliability and efficiency, in working practices at all levels and in menpower industry, but representatives of both will serve on the governing body, together with members from the three main sponsors and from the academic world. The location of the centre has not yet been decided.

> Carbonate fuel cell General Electric Co of

America is about to start a pro ject from which low grade coal will produce electricity with unwill produce electricity with unprecedented efficiency. The
idea warranted a grant of \$17m
(£7.3m) by the United States
Department of Energy.
The process uses a device
called a molten carbonate fuel
cell (MCFC) similar to the con-

struction of a capacitor, where two electrically-charged plates are sandwiched between an 1979-80 (Hobsons Press, Cam-





Sir Michael Swann: Contre

electrolyte which conducts the Each of these cells can be

Much more power is needed in any commercial application, and so hundreds of cells are capable of being stacked to produce power outputs measured in hundreds of kilowatts with a typical voltage of several hundred.

according to the GE designers, is that it can achieve a 50 per cent efficiency when converting coal to electricity, nearly 20 per cent greater than any conventional method of con-

Another major advantage of the process, according to the company, is that the cell will operate whether the gas which passes through the cell has been created from coal, coal derived oil or gas, petroleum liquids or natural gas.

Engineering insight

Insight into engineering materials, transport, and water problems from microprocessors and sanitation. A technical conto Mint Imperials, from nuclear safety to North Sea oil rigs, from refrigerating beer to designing helicopters, is provided by 76 first-hand accounts in the recently published in the recently published Hobsons Engineering Casebook

Massey-Ferguson may

close assembly plant

bridge, for Careers Research and Advisory Cenne, £8).

The accounts are by young graduates who describe their work and give a glimpse of the variety of engineering today. In a foreword to the book. Professor Eric Laithwaite of Imperial College says: "The accounts are distilled from conversations with young graduates in the profession conversations with young graduates in the profession whose careers illustrate what up-and-coming engineers might Among the illustrations are the following extracts:

"I took a degree in mechanical engineering at Bristol Technical College nine years ago, before joining Trebor, I'm a development engineer, and one of the products that I am responsible for is Mint Imperials. My problem 

day enable us to produce power by means of hydrogen

fusion..."
"I joined Wiggins Teape three years ago with a degree in chemical engineering from New-castle. I'd never heard about the company until a leafler fell off the shelf in the careers

"I was really thrown in at the deep end when I started 10 months ago. First there was a strike at one of our major suppliers, which threstened our production, and then, in January, the situation was made worse by the transport drivers' dispute, which coincided with a gas cut owing to the weather conditions in the North

### New trade fair

A new international trade fair which will concentrate on the technological needs of the developing countries is to be held in Geneva next September. Known as "Technology for the people", the fair has the sup-port of three United Nations agencies—the UN Development Programme, the UN Industrial Development Organization and International Labour

Organization. Among the sectors included are agriculture, basic manufacturing, communications, energy conversion, food processing, health, housing and building tion with the fair (further in-formation from PO Box 170, 1211 Geneva 16, Switzerland).

> Kenneth Owen and Bill Johnstone



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connected in series or parallel, like any other electrical device of this type, to allow accumulation to the required output power. Each cell will generate a voltage of 0.8 volts and depending on the size of the cell. a range of power outputs can be realized which will generate from 0.3 KW to 1.3 KW, capable of lighting up to 20 domestic bulbs.

One of its principal features,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The mineral potential of Britain: some of the facts outlined

nish Mining Development Asso-

Sir, The letter from Dr J. P. N. Badham (February 5) shows that he is completely unaware of the mineral potential of Britain, may I therefore be al-

lowed to state some of the facts.

Speaking of copper, lead,
zinc, tungsten and tin, Dr Badham remarks that "The most optimistic prognosis would find it difficult to anticipate producrion of even five per cent of our needs for any of these metals" and, he adds, "We produce about one per cent of each of these indigenously'

He may therefore be surprised to know that the Cornish production of tin increased nearly five-fold between 1947 and 1977 and by the latter date had reached 3,857 tonnes per annum, thus supplying about 28 per cent of Britain's require-ments of the metal. The temporary closing of the Wheal Jane and Mount Wellington mines in 1978 was obviously a serious serback for the industry, but as those mines are now being reopened by the RIZ Corporation there is good reason to believe that the upward trend of tin production will be resumed, together with a good

deal of zinc.
Dr Badham says that he would be interested to know of other known ore bodies which could be mined profit-

From the chairman of the Corably in the United Kingdom". 1981. A pilot treatment plant is mich Mining Development Asso. Is he unaware of the existence now being exected and if it is of the South Crofty mine in Cornwall, now one of the full production, which now largest underground tin mines seems likely, this could become in the world? For the year one of the largest metalliferous in the world? For the year ended March 31, 1979, the company produced 1,605 tons of tin metal in concentrate and made a trading profit of £2.3m.

In addition, six miles from Land's End, Geevor Tin Mines Ltd with a long and profitable history, produced during its last financial year 684 tonnes of tin metal in concentrate and made a pre-tax profit of £1,023,000. Having complered the big sub-inchine straft sunk to open up the old Levant mine, the Com-pany is now instalking additional plant to increase milling cape city by 50,000 tonnes of ore per

In spite of heavy taxation and the very real difficulties arising from the private ownership of the minerals, there are also several very encouraging new mineral developments being undertaken in Cornwall and Devon. The largest of these is the big Hemerdon tungsten and tin project north east of Ply-mouth. There, AMAX Exploration have proved by drilling to a depth of no more than 200 metres the existence of 45 million tonnes of low grade tungstea and tin ore.

A full feasibility study which began in October 1978 is sche-duled to be completed by mid-

cluding the maintenance of Britain's only willow collection

of 300 varieties, compared with Sweden's 3,000, will be lost, for

decided to put the mine into mining operations ever known in Britain. As the Mining Magazine has pointed our, it has the potential to supply enough rungsten to satisfy the needs of

the entire country. The same Company has recently obtained planning permission to examine another wolfram/vin deposit of a similar nature in Cornwall. The revival of mining in the West of England has now become a matter of real national importance and it is high time that Parliament pays attention to the present very unsatisfactory position of mineral owner-There is no need to nationalize the minerals but, es Mr T. H. H. Skeet, MP said in his letter (January 29) one of the things that the state should do is to take power to

try to the benefit of the national economy. Yours faithfully, JOHN H. TROUNSON, Chairman, Cornish Mining Development Association, Laguna,

Companies

comments

From Mr Ralph Instans

surprising'

license the working of the min-

stals. If that were done it would very greatly facilitate further expansion of the indus-

Cornwall.

### Willow research cuts 'most short-sighted'

From Mr Lawrence D. Hills
Sir, Viewers of the "Horizon"
programme "Heritage of
Trees" will have seen a little of the work of Professor Siren of Sweden on super-fast willows harvested every three years to produce methanoi and other fuels to replace ever more costly petrol, and wondered what Britain is doing in this

The answer is withdrawing financial support from willow research at Long Ashton Research Station, where it began in 1922. The present incumbent has spent 30 years on research and advisory work for the besket willow industry, with an annual turnover of £1.5m; the amenity and timber willow trade, £2m; and £13m worth of cricket bats (half of them exported) from the £1.25m worth of cricket bat willow timber grown in Britsin. All this, in-

### Figure error alters energy conclusions

From Professor B. B. Hundy Sir, Since delivering my lecture in The Times of February 1, my attention has been drawn by Mr G. Bashford of BL Techcology to an error in my figure for the energy content of petrol. This alters two of my

I now accept that an aluminum-bodied car would save at east as much energy in running over its life as consumed in making the aluminium origin-ally and therefore should be feasible from an energy stance, though I still believe that the financial economics would not be really attractive to the

My other conclusion which modified refers to the longlife car where the figures quoted by Mr Owen should now be modified. I still believe, however, that the improvement in fuel economy necessary for the energy saving in running to outweigh the energy saving in manufacture due to a longer-life car introduction is unlikely to be achieved in practice and the longer-life car is still a very serious contender for energy saving. Yours faithfully,

B. B. HUNDY, Head of the School of Production Studies. Cranfield Institute of Crapfield Bedford, MK43 0AL. February 4.

### Withholding PAYE money From Mr P. A. Vans

Sir, Most of the money Had-fields is threatening to with-hold does not belong to them anyway but has been simply deducted at source from the wages of their employees. All the PAYE and the em-

ployee's share of the National asurance contribution must be long either to the employees or to the nation; the only compo-nent which could be said still to belong to Hadfields is the employer's share of the NI contribution. That being so, the only money that Hadfields have any right to delay paying (if indeed they have that "right" at all) is the employer's NI contribution. I am amazed that a large and presumably bustness-like firm could fail to understand this. Yours faithfully,

P. A. VANS, Guy Hall, Awre, Newnham,

approves the terms of the report Gloucestershire GL14 1EL. it is expected that there will be

Sir, Some of the comments made recently in your columns by both contributors and cor-respondents, arising out of the Companies Bill, have been a little surprising. May I clarify a few points?

1. The decision in Parke y
Daily News had nothing to do
with the powers of directors,
as your contributor Adrience
Glesson (Feb 4) seems to
believe. believe: it was concerned solely with the powers of a company itself. For this reason the clause in the Bill which overrules that case and its pradecessors (Clause 70) will

Bill

enact that a company which has disposed of its business or ceased to trade, or is about to ceased to trade, or is about to do so, has power to make voluntary provision for its employees, which it has not hitherto possessed; but this power will ordinarily be exercisable only with the sanction of a shareholders. resolution. In such cases there From Mr A. A. Sebag-Monte- holders to determine the fiore amount, if any, of such profore it will be for the sharepassing or rejecting the requisite resolution.

2. Mr Anthony Grant, MP;

was quite right to point out (letter, January 16) that Hugh Stephenson went astray in his article of January 8 in suggesting that the Bill would impose on directors a duty towards em-ployees which is irreconcilable with their duty to shareholders. As Mr Grant stated, the current formulation makes it clear that having regard to the interests of employees is part of the duty owed by directors to the com-pany itself. But there is nothing novel about this: case law has for over a century recognized that directors may properly pay gratuities to employees, otherwise have regard to their . interests, if in so doing they are furthering the interests of

3. In the exercise of their powers directors do not in law owe any duty to the share-One of the virtues of the current Bill is that it provides no sup-port for the heresy asserted in the Bullock report, that the dury

I see nothing in these two clauses as they emerged from the committee stage in the House of Commons to which directors, investors or employees can reasonably object, or which are likely to give rise to legal or other difficulties in practice.

Lincolns Inn. London, WC2A 3QS.

Italy where I spent 75 per cent of my time on planning and administration, 25 per cent on housekeeping. Now I'm in England it's 75 per cent house. keeping, 25 per cent administration and I have not yet got round to the planning On my inquiry his definition of housekeeping was the welfare of employees and avoidance of

Herefordshire.

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### 'Hard sell' drive at for the incorporation of certain of its mineral rights as an extension to the Western Deep Levels lease area. The board of Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited has

Meccano

By R. W. Shakespeare Workers who have been occupying the Airfix Industries occupying the Afrix Industries
Meccano and Dinky toys factory in Liverpool since November 21 have now agreed to
abandon their attempts to persuade the company to improve
its redundancy terms.

However, the "sit in" will
continue while shop floor and
union representatives concen-

union representatives concen-trate their efforts on mounting a "hard sell" operation, aimed at securing a buyer for the Binus Road plant.

It now looks as though the most likely contender so far for a take over, the Age of Enlightenment transcendental meditation group has decided to drop out. A spokesman at the organization's base in Buckinghamshire confirmed that the bid for the

Liverpool factory would not be

pursued unless both Airfix and

the unions could come up with "new possibilities".

By Edward Townsend Massey-Ferguson said yesterday it was considering closing its industrial machinery assembly plant at Knowsley near Liverpool and transferring operations to Manchester.

The Canadian-owned com-pany's latest move is part of a reorganization of United King-dom activities which has already included the sale of its construction machinery opera-tions and the closure this month of its combine harvester plant at Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

About 550 people are employed at Knowsley, but a company spokesman said it was not possible to calculate how many jobs would be lost if the plant closed. The Barton Dock Road factory in Manchester employs 1,300 and more workers would be needed there if the move occurs.

The company said it was re-

organizing its marketing and

of industrial

production

sector of its "core business" which also includes farm machinery and diesel engines.
The United Kingdom, which was one of Massey-Ferguson's major production centres for industrial machinery for world markets, was currently affected severely by the strength of the pound and rising manufacturing Tractors for industrial

machines are built at the company's main Coventry factory and equipped with the Manchester-made chester-made diggers and loaders at Knowsley. The company stressed that no final decision had been taken and it was now embarking on a de-tailed study of establishing a single plant for diggers and loaders at Manchester.

Last month, Massey-Ferguson Holdings revealed an extra-ordinary debit of £10m in 1979, which included the costs of rationalization of the United Kingdom combine operation. After tax profits fell from machinery to strengthen this £7.7m to £3m.

### Aid call for shipyards and textiles By Peter Hill

Calls for an overall policy of financial assistance over the next five years for the re-structuring and conversion of Europe's crisis-ridden shipbuilding and textiles industries will be made in a debate in the European Parliament today. The debate which will be based on a report prepared by

the Parliament's committee on

economic and monetary affairs

will discuss a motion calling for

necessary financing to be de-fined and coordinated with

cluding the European Invest-ment Bank and the Special and Regional Funds.

Euro-MPs will also be asked to approve the economic and monetary affairs committee preparing a detailed report on aid to industries in crisis and to growth industries. Sir David Nicholson, Euro MP

for London Central and a member of the European Democratic Group who has played a industry are seen by the comformative part in the preparamittee as prime cases for priority treatment in view of the tion of the report for the debate other Community agencies, in- industrial policy adopted. heavy level of job losses.

growing pressure for the EEC Commission to produce a plan for a scrap-and-build scheme which has been under discussion for several years to ease shippards over the crisis years. Both textiles, particularly the synthetic fibres sector of the industry, and the shipbuilding

If the European Parliament

Purpose vehicle) was the result of a competition sponsored by the United States Government during the crisis years of 1939-41. Would it not be a fine

a mere saving in the present cuts of less than £10,000 a year. Work on harnessing the rac-ing speed of fast willows to grow energy and employment began at Long Ashton in 1975, and it now must end with the most short-sighted cut of sil. Surely it would be possible for the Department of Energy, Energy Tachnology Support Unit at Harwell to fund this work on willows, which is fuel for the future rather than agriculture or forestry. I am Sir, Yours &c. LAWRENCE D. HILLS, Director. Henry Doubleday Research

### Premiums for health insurance schemes

Bocking.

erell's letter of January 15 regarding the limitation of pre-miums for private health inme that it is more prectical to reduce the premium by limiting the scope of the coverage rather than by introducing as excess, for in the latter case not only, as Professor Cock-erell implies, would the excess have to be high, but underwriters' premiums would have to inflict possible selection against them—by limiting the scope, and there is a scheme which I am a member of, which pays up £10,000 in a policy year but only in the case of an operation in hospital. However, all consultations leading to hospitalization and

all costs in hospital are met and the premium works out at about £1 a week.

I cannot say for certain that the scheme of which I am a member would be open to retired people and so this might be a case for forward vlanning. Yours faithfully, A. A. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE,

### Portugal. January 30. Bulletin charge is just the start

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Venda Seca.

Belas,

From Mr D. A. Penjord
Sir, I was as saddened as Mr
Gray was (February 4) to
receive a notice from the Bank
of England that they will henceforth be charging for the
quarterly bulletin. At a stroke
they have destroyed the goodwill derived from free distribution and they have also saddied themselves with an dled themselves with an administrative burden. Beside separate mailing lists of those be charged and those not (I do not imagine the press or other central banks will have to pay) records will have to be kept of a multitude of small payments and late payers

The bulletin is scrutinized

closely for its economic forecasts and I will hazard one of my own: in a year's time Mr Gray and I and other subscribers will receive another apologetic notice saying that the subscription is to be raised. Yours faithfully, D. A. PENFORD, Glenthorne, Angel Street, Petworth, West Sussex.

# Low energy 'Leap' needed

From Mr Christian Wynne Sir, The Jeep (from General world energy crisis, for the Government here to sponger a competition for a Low Energy Sincerely, CHRIS WYNNE 22 Anley Road, London W14. moment in view of the present London W14 United Kingdom, EEC and January 31.

All Purpose vehicle-the Leap!

the company.

holders as such, though they may assume such a duty in special situations, as for instance in recommending acceptance or rejection of a takeover offer." of directors to act in the best-interests of the company-actually meant, or had been construed by the courts as meaning, to act in the interests of the shareholders, a heresy. which rested on another misunderstanding of the judgment in Parke v Daily News. On the contrary, the clause to which Mr Grant referred (Clause 46) gives this heresy its quietus.

Yours faithfully, RALPH INSTONE, 7 New Square,

A nation of housekeepers From Mr John Pallant

Sir, I own a small hotel and the bar gossip represents, in miniature, England "as she is". Today's comment: "I've run factories in America, Spain and

strikes. Yours faithfully, JOHN PALLANT, Royal Oak Hotel.

### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Little comfort for the corporate sector

The weekend decision of the steel craft union to accept the latest BSC offer and the vote to return to work at Hadfields set the equity market off on a firm enough note yesterday. Even so, it still seems clear that equities as a whole are not going to make all that much progress until the signals that interest rates can be expected to fall by early spring become a great deal

Certainly, the latest wholesale price indices offer little comfort to the corporate sector, with the 3½ per cent rise in input prices in January, compared with a 2! per cent rise in output prices, confirming that profit margins must be continuing under severe pressure. What is worse, of course, is the recent wave of speculative buying on world commodity markets which threaten to keep input prices rising sharply in the months shead—quite the opposite of what one would normally expect to be happening as economies ease into recession.

As far as the gilt market was concerned the rather discouraging news on wholesale prices was largely offset by the size of the central government surplus (£2,455m) in January. Income tax receipts have been rising particularly strongly as a result of the large rise in average earnings during the financial year.

This, however, is just as well given that the spending sign of the equation is also going to overshoot, probably to give a full year PSBR out-turn in the region of £9,000m. At least fears of a figure appreciably higher than this should now start to recede,

Meanwhile, the market is going to have to put up with at least another week of very tight money market conditions and, of course, this Friday's £450m call on Treasury 12; per cent 2003-05 "A".

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### Invoking Section 127

The insidious build-up of the overseas holding in Consolidated Gold Fields could well become the sort of cause celèbre the City will live to regret unless some effective action is taken quickly. As events are unfurling, the City's much-beloved system of self-regulation is in danger of being shown up as the paper tiger its critics have always argued it was.

And the important difference this time is that it is not one of the many tin-pot companies that have been involved before in driving a wedge in the regulatory mechanism but one of the United Kingdom's largest companies and one of the world's leading mining companies.

Yesterday Goldfields continued to put the pressure on the unidentified shareholders by calling on the Department of Trade to appoint inspectors to investigate the ownership of the company under section 172 of the Companies Act 1948.

This is a common procedure under wider DoT investigations but has apparently only been invoked once before in the case of Savoy Hotels over a quarter of a century ago as a separate investigation. Inspectors have the same wide powers as they do under the rest of the Companies Act, including in the last instance recourse to the law.

The fundamental disadvantage, however, is that any DoT investigation comes up against a brick wall if shareholdings are hidden behind nominee accounts in, say, Switzerland. And there is some evidence already from Goldfields share register that Swiss banks have been involved in the buying operation. The DoT does have some sanctions in these cases since it can prevent those blocks of shares which refuse to be identified from exercising their voting rights, can stop them receiving dividends and even participating in rights issues. But

that is unlikely to worry this bidder. The Takeover Panel also argues that its sanctions are strong enough to cope with these situations but the person stalking Goldfields having spent well over £100m building up its stake is hardly going to be troubled by having its United Kingdom its troubled by having its United Kingdom i ing removed or having its access to United Kingdom banking facilities circumscribed which is about all the ammunition the Panel can muster.

What is really needed now is some effective action from the Stock Exchange to reinforce company law in the matter of finding out the identity of overseas bidders, while the system of allowing shares to go unregistered for so long will also have to be looked at more closely.

It is a nonsense to argue that this will diminish London's role as an international investment centre—if anything the obvious flouting of the spirit of the rules that is going on at present has already done damage

### CompAir

### The bid is coming

Bid speculation has raged around CompAir for more than three months. Even so yesterday's leap in the share price from 79p to 96p was almost certainly based on more than faint hopes. So CompAir was duly forced into revealing takeover talks rather



Sir William Mather, chairman of CompAir.

earlier than the group and its advisers, Morgan Grenfell, had planned.

Takeover fever is such, however, that after an inquiry the Stock Exchange will be hardpushed to prove that yesterday's buyers were doing anything other than jumping on a speculative bandwagon.

Certainly, more than one would-be bidder has been knocking on the door of CompAir's chairman, Sir William Mather in recent weeks. Among the possibilities suggested in the market are Consolidated Gold Fields. Charter Consolidated, IC Gas and Hawker

The market also expects a price of around 110p a share, which would be a fairly full one, valuing the group at £61m, matching net assets and representing an exit p/e ratio of 16 historically and possibly 12 prospec-

With profits down from £11.6m to £8.4m CompAir was hard hit last year by the collapse of major export markets in Iran, Nigeria and Iraq. Prospects for recovery, however, are solid if unexciting and the group does command a particularly strong technological niche in the worldwide air compression business.

Whoever emerges as the bidder will undoubtedly argue industrial logic. Charter Consolidated and Consolidated Gold, for instance, could quote CompAir's role as a mining equipment supplier.

To the market, however, it looks no more than a case of a predator taking the opportunity to buy sound United Kingdom assets and earnings in a solid sector. If so it provides further vindication of the view that engineering companies, in particular, have been brutally exposed as a result of the way share ratings have been depressed by gloom on the immediate trading front, and not all that gloom seems justified.

# Hugh Stephenson

# Paying the price of disappointed expectations

Mrs Thatcher would be justified if she was reflecting bitterly this week on the fickle ways of public opinion and what are loosely called commentators in the

The way in which, over the weekend, The way in which, over the weekend, the premature obituary notices on the Thatcher experiment appeared in paper after paper, contrast strangely with the singular lack of such criticism in the mouths since she led her party to an electoral triumph.

If the policies that have been associated with her are wrong, they have been wrong from the start. If her policies are right, why are politicians, commentators and the rest running away from them at the first whiff of generating a

has happened in the past 45 years and more, it is necessary to trumpet the message and the hope aloud. But, if you trumpet so loud, it is as certain as night follows day that the performance will fall short of the advertisement. It is usually wiser to promise only what you are certain you can deliver. Your stock then rises when

From the start Mrs Thatcher has had two presentational difficulties. If you come to office determined not only to do things your way, but equally determined that your way is going to be quite different from anything that

you achieve not only what you promised, but something extra as well.

That option was not available to Mrs
Thatcher and her intellectual advisers,
because they had to boast the merits
of their revolutionary grand design in
order to get a hold from the start of
the policy making machine.

In the past month Mrs Tharcher has been paying the price of those disappointed expectations. For the fact is that problems and attitudes so deeply ingrained as those of the British economy are not going to be changed overnight by some British equivalent of Dr Ludwig Erhard's West German "economic miracle".

Her second presentational problem has been one of time-scale. Opinions differ widely about whether and, if so, how far the performance of the British economy over the years has been retarded by state regulation and interference in the free functioning of markets; by high government spending in relation to the total size of the in relation to the total size of the economy; and by high marginal tax rates and a quarter of a century of intrusive exchange controls. What, however, can be said with certainty is that the reduction or removal of all these elements in the system will not produce any improvement in economic produce any improvement in economic performance so instant and dramatic that it will show up, to a measurable

extent, in the main economic indicators, or in the growth rate of the gross domestic product in year one, or even

year two.

This much would be obvious to any practical man of affairs. He would know inseinctively that it always takes longer than you think at the beginning to turn round companies that have settled slowly into a rut over decades, certainly years rather than months.

And yet the cruelly short timetable of politics requires evidence that new policies are working within months. Indeed a large part of Mrs Thatcher's present problem lies in the fact that her more and less enthusiastic supporter. present problem lies in the fact that her more and less enthusiastic supporters are taking the view that she has used up the bulk of the store of goodwill with which any new prime minister is endowed after a sweeping election suc-cess, without achieving a correspon-dingly substantial number of her key objectives.

A large part of the problem centres on the age old human characteristic that people are prepared to support ends, but unprepared to support the

For examle, pfor the laspt year Mrs Thatcher might be forgiven for thinking that she had widespread support from the City and industry for the general proposition that the first and over-whelming priority of economic policy should be the battle against inflation

and that the main (sonie would say sole) effective weapon in this fight was the control of the money supply. So

much for the principle. much for the principle.

But in practice the self-same supporters of that policy would also say that present levels of interest rates were unacceptable, that more money should be spent on defence, that any further cuts in Whitehall aid to industry should be resisted, that the Governa ment's non-handling of the steel strike has been a national catastrophe and so on.

Most of these detailed artitudes conflict with Mrs Thatcher's experimental grand design, but that is a connexion that many seem unwilling to make.

In the normal course of events it would not much matter to a governed ment that it was running into a spot of heavy weather so soon in the lifetime, of a Parliament. With her majority, no external force can make Mrs Thatcher go to the country before the moment of her choice.

But Mrs Thatcher's problem is deeper because the majority of her Cabiner

because the majority of her Cabinet and the overwhelming majority of senior civil servants have from the start been in a state of susended disbelief about the basic policy. The political pressures for a change of policy arising because the disbelief is, no longer so suspended.

## Strange case of the brothers Caltagirone

The Italians love scandalparticularly one which mixes politics and finance. In the wake of the Sindona affair they are now being regaled with

Signore Gaetano, Francesco and Camillo Caltagirone are leading building contractors in Rome, grandsons of a Palermo builder who came here in the

Arrest warrants were issued last Friday for them to face charges in connexion with the failure of 29 of their companies. Magistrates dealing with the liquidation have made known they are seeking to determine what happened to about 160,000m lire (about 190m).

Before warrants were issued.

Before warrants were issued, and objective. however, the brothers had left Airport they boarded a regular flight for Nice on February 3. to come from them appeared in such a solution. the press room of the law courts. It said they would return to "unmask the odious

is bankrupts The difficulties of the Caltariarne companies came to light after the scandal at Iral-casse, the central institute of savings banks, which was so mismanaged by its former be divided about the course of Christian Democrat director general that the Government had to put in a team of three the savings banks, which was so the magistrates are known to be divided about the course of christian divided about the course of them, and moves may be made to have the arrest warrants commissioners to prevent its

plot designed to portray them

The Caltagirone brothers were lent over 200,000m lire (over £110m) by Italcasse, but they did not repay the sum when the commissioners called in the loans.

in the loans.

This led to 19 of the Caltagirone companies being declared insolvent last November, followed by 10 more in January. The magistrates dealing with the case ordered the arrest of the brothers on the grounds of "diversion and concealment" of assets. cealment" of assets. The photographs of the three

have become familiar in the press and on television since the weekend, and the public has been reguled with descriprions of high living in luxury villas. There is, however, an impor-

tant difference between this and other cases. While Italy still seeks the extradition of Signor Sindona to face trial for fraudulent bankruptcy it is not scandal before long. certain; that the Coltagirone brothers will come to trial.

They maintain their innocence and threaten to sue any magistrate who exceeds his authority. The daily newspaper Corriere Della Sera reports York and, after consultation with Caetano and, in Paris, with Camillo, has issued a statement saying: "If we were ment saying: "If we were bankrupts, we would not have made available even our personal fortunes. The houses, the offices and the palazzi which we have buth can be seen by all and according to official valuations the value of this property exceeds by several milion live the amount of the debts."

The statement went on to say

The statement went on to say that the brothers insisted on magistrates who were in partial

Furthermore, there have been Italy. One newspaper report reports in recent weeks that said that, leaving their personal soundings were being made or behind at Rome's Ciampino behind the scenes for a take-hirport, they boarded a regular over of the Caltagirone property light for Nice on February 3.

Later, a message purporting the brothers were in favour of The case has not come out of the blue, since the Caltagi-

rone difficulties were known at least since the insolvency of their first companies in November. Applications had been made in November to withdraw the brothers' passports so that they could not flee abroad.

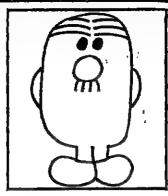
to have the arrest warrants withdrawn. The Public Prosecuto take a much more lenient view than the bankruptcy court. Some commentators have asked why the warrants had been issued, and see significance in the fact that the Christian

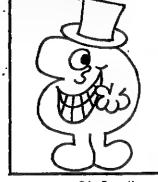
Democrat Congress will open in a few days. The Caltagirone brothers have the reputation of being friends of Signor Giulio Andreomi, the last prime minister, and therefore, it is argued, this may be an attempt to damage his chances of returning to high office in the party or Experience has shown in

recent years that, while attempts to obtain the extradition of terrorists have been successful, efforts to return people wanted for economic or financial crimes have been less so. In any case, while the Caltagirone case may make the headlines now, experience shows that it may well be supplanted by some new

John Earle







Three characters from the Mr Men family (left to right) : Mr Muddle, Mr Fussy and Mr Upphy.

# The 'art' of merchandising

Womble in your local shop you are likely to find four Paddington Bears. The Incredible Hulk looms larger than Mickey Mouse, and Superman still packs more sales punch than Wonder Woman in every con-

fectioner, tobacconist and news-agents (CTNs) in the land. These are some of the findings from a survey on characterbased products recently com-pleted by Retail Audits, a market research company.
Investigators called at 1,700

CTNs, stationers, toy and specialist card shops, carefully counting up the number of product lines stocked which were promoted by the various popular characters.

From their results they were able to compile a rating table which some of the old estab-hed favourites like Walt n w... lished Disney find themselves overtaken by some newcomers— such as Star Wars—which may prove to have less lasting appeal.

No one has yet attempted to put a total value on character merchandizing, but it seems probable that Britons now spend over \$200m a year on goods sponsored by characters who range from Action Man to Zorro.

Evidence gathered last year by the Price Commission suggests that already something approaching one quarter of the toy trade is sponsored by characters under licence.

The commission estimated that in 1979-80 royalty payments would represent 1.8 per cent of the value of total toy sales, a proportion increased by nearly a third in the past three years because of the increasing popularity of new toys incor-

Mr Men are 10 times more porating characters or themes children's stationery lines, popular than Sooty. For every established by television, There can be some characters for themes, books or greeting cards. merchandising spin-off to Character merchandizing goes far beyond the nursery and playroom. It plays an increas-ingly important part in selling

books, stationery, tolletries, sweets and ices, clothing, foot-wear, pottery, electrical goods and even kitchenware. Mr Men, originally created for a series of children's books by Mr Roger Hargreaves, a former director of an advertising agency, are now on 250 products in the United Kingdom market, covering everything from wallpaper to yog-

Over the past three years Mr Happy and his 36 simple out-line friends have helped to sell more than £40m-worth of goods in Britain, not including the books, which are dikely to sell 10 million copies this year

Mr Men are now on the verge of an international career. Licences have stready been sold in Spain, Germany, France and One of the few very success-

ful characters created specifically with character merchan-dising in mind is Hollie Hobby, who originated with Celebration Arts in Corby. Hollie was invented to characterize the company's greetings card and

THE TOP TEN Mr Man

Hotile Hobby Muppets Star Wars Sneopy Wait Disney The Incredible Hulk

10. Mickey Mouse

merchandising spin-off to almost anything. Buzby the tele-phone bird, for instance, earned the Post Office £45,000 in royalties last year besides any good the advertisements he was created for might have done. ATV, which sells licences on him for the Post Office, was handicapped by his owners' in-the Post Office says, he would have recouped £125,000.

In a broad sense character merchandising dates back to

merchandising dates back to the Assyrian rulers and Roman stamped on the coinage to give: additional authority to the pro-duct. It really grew with the advent of films (Charlie Chaplin and Shirley Temple were two early objects of desire) and especially cartoons (Felix the Cat preceded Mickey Mouse). The The right character on the

right product can boost sales by anything from 20 to 50 per-cent. Royalty rates are usually 6 per cent on the wholesale price of the product, though sionally go as high as 10 per

The point is that the royalty payments may wall be more than offset by reduced research " and advertising expenditure!"... They offer the possibility of a more assured market—but there are of course also risks.

To obtain exclusive rights on--

To obtain exclusive rights oncharacters agreements have to
be made at an early stage, often
before the character offered has
any proved popularity at all.
The risks are particularly high
with tie-ups to feature films.
The film may simply fail—
taking with it all the character
merchandisers hopes of success.

Robin Young

# Business Diary: Welders at work • Sitting targets

An inexpected spin-off of the steel swike could be closer links—possibly amalgamation, even—between two unions whose leaders a few months back could not stand to be in the same room together.

I refer of course to Bill Sirs'
Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and Hector Smith's
National Union of Blastfurnace-Before Christmas a leading ISTC official told "Black Bob" Scholey, BSC's chief executive,

the good news was that the steelworkers and the blastfurnacemen had sunk their traditional enmity and agreed on something. The bad news was that it was to strike together.

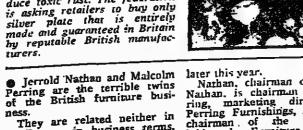
Bad news ir may have been Bad news it may have been for the corporation; good news it could turn out to be for those who favour one union for the steel industry. Mutual suspicion has disappeared in the cama-raderie of the industry's first national strike for 53 years. Feelings are said to be "very, very tight, very fraternal" on the picket lines, and the strike posters have both unions' names on them.

on them.

A big shift of opinion among the rank and file is one thing, but a shock greater than a biller dropped on the foot is on the way. The next issue of Man and Metal, the ISTC monthly inwest will have Sirs and journal, will have Sirs and Smith on the front cover. True, they have been giving joint from others. press conferences, and reporting back to Len Murray jointly after "negoriations" with the BSC—but photographed together

The steelworkers aiready gether . . .? represent blassfurnacemen in Scotland and it would make sense for the two unions to continue their new-found unity efter the dispute is over.

John Price (right), president of the Federation of British Cualery Manufacturers, sees the gains his members made in the reproduction silverware business after the Silver Jubilee going down the drain because of the increasing amount of duff merchandize coming onto the market. Some is even made in cutlery's capital, Sheffield. in cutlery's capital, Sheffield.
Other pank is imported and
plated in Britain. Price is seen
here holding mild steel silver
plate from Sheffield; with a
magnet this plate is easily
punctured and can quickly produce toxic rust. The federation
is asking retailers to buy only auce toxic rust. Ine jeaeration is asking retailers to buy only silver plate that is entirely made and guaranteed in Britain by reputable British manufac-



family nor in business terms.
Nathan makes furniture and
Perring sells other people's—
but they do have one thing in Both are gluttons for punish-

ment in that they have taken time off from their family businesses to do what they can to save the fragmented furniture industry both from itself and

The industry enters 1920 with imports exceeding exports in real terms for the first time in perhaps a decade. There is pressure from government to develop expensive and uncomfortable but less flammable upholstery foams. Gordan Borie's Office of Fair Trading will be checking out the indus-try's voluntary code of conduct



Nathan, chairman of B & I Nathan, is chairman of 5 & 1
Nathan, is chairman and Perring, marketing director of
Perring Furnishings, is deputy
chairman, of the industry's
labby, the Furniture Information Council.

The two men don't always see eye to eye (but then manufacturers and rerailers are not tacturers and retainers are not supposed to). However, they disagree with the industry's problem-causers more often than with each other. Perring says the export im-

balance would be righted if manufacturers would sell more of what the home market wanted particularly boxed, self-assembly furniture. Nathan slams nannydom by the consumer establishment but is equally mad at dodgy discount traders and those who offer spurious inducements, such as goods at "25 per cent

off after-sale price".

They still send Britons to Eotany Bay, you know, and alrhough life there isn't as dire as once it was, it can still be hectic. One visitor with a still be hectic. One visitor with a tale to tell of there is Christopher Aston, chairman of the Powell Duffryn chemicals group. He was out there for the opening of a bulk liquid storage

South Wales premier agreed to open the terminal. However, if the NSW legislature was happy, the elements were not. A howling westerly wind tore down the reception tent, and ceremonies were therefore, conducted in the lee of a couple of buildings.

terminal the group operates, and all seemed well for New

The luncheon tent did stand up to the high wind, but the inner lining of the marquee billowed so much that the premier could only be seen during his speech if a security man stood clutching the folds.

■ Roger Brooke's decision to join EMI as managing director last year turns out to have been most unfortunate. Even before he arrived in June, crisis had overtaken the music publishing and electronics group. Lord Delfont, long an EMI

director, took over from Sir John Read as chief executive and tried vainly to pull EMI out of the fire. Delfont's scheme to sell off half of EMI's troubled music business to Paramount foundered, and EMI found itself the target of a bid from Thorn Electrical.

Thus, within six months Brooke was effectively redun-dant. It was understood from the time the merger was first suggested that I would be going", he said yesterday, an-nouncing his departure. "We shall have to see what

pops out of the woodwork

joining EMI.

that I have actually said I shall

be leaving the group." Aged 49 now, Brooke certainly had a splendid track record before

Amazing how God and mammon go hand in hand. Sir Arthur Norman and Peter Orchard, the chairman and chief executive respectively of banknote printers De La Rue were pesterday ruminating about one of the firm's funniosities. This is the group's copy of an edition of 104 New Testaments printed in ink of gold which DLR printed 150 years ago. The whereabouts of five

more are known (HM the

Queen has two) but as for the

rest, who knows? Ross Davies

# **Eleveland** factpac

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of further foreign buying, but Afghanistan. when it failed to appear they Only when went easier. Another damper Price Index v on sentiment was the call this Friday of £45 on the ex-long tap Treasury 12! per cent 2003-05. This will absorb £450m odd, at a time when the money market will probably still be

tight.
The third blow to sentiment was the increase in factory-gate was the increase in factory-gate and raw material prices in January. Factory-gate prices rose 2½ per cent, the highest since January 1977. Raw material prices were as much as 3½ per cent up, making a climb in the full year to January of 27½ per cent. Disquiet at this evidence of accelerating inflation outaccelerating inflation out-weighed the reasonably good reception given to the January data on the Central Government Borrowing Requirement.

Tax repayments normally ensure a surplus in January but repayments of £2,455m against £1,433m in January 1979 were deemed sizable.

At the close, losses of up to a £1 were seen across the board, as in Treasury 9; per cent 1983 at £84? in shorts, and Exchequer 12 per cent 1999-02 to £85; in longs. Equities however, began the new account in a much more

confident mood, with some sizable gains reported in most of the major sectors.

The source of this new found confidence came with the news that the private steel company Hadfields had voted to return to work along with 70,000 workers at BSC who had accepted the 14 per cent offer. Oil shares too followed through on Friday's enthusiasm, as investors clamoured to buy anything related to oil in the belief that the oil price was about to scale new heights, are shown on a gross basis.

Gold shares also showed pre-tax and earnings are uet.

to have decided that inflation price climbed \$14.5 to \$712.5 was bad for gilt-edged but good for shares. At the opening gilts condition of President Tito, tried to go better on thoughts and further nervousness over

Only when the Wholesale Price Index was announced did the market turn a little easier, as buyers became nervous and the profit-takers moved inalthough not in any large numbers.

As a result, after gathering strength throughout most of the

Observers expect a further flurry in the shares of Ashton Mining, and Northern Mining. The report on their Ashton joint venture project will probably be published next week, Ashton are 150p, and Northern 134p.

day the FT Index began to day the FT Index began to look easier at the close where it finished 8.5 up at 469.9 after being 9.4 higher at 1 pm.

ICI was the main bright spot among leading interest industrials, where it rose 14p to 399p on its Ninian Field.

However, despite some good rises, the enthusiasm surrounding ICI folial to spill over into

favourable gains were witnessed among oil shares. Among the majors BP rose 16p to 410p, and the new 14p to 410p, while Shell improved 14p to 388p and Ultramar put on a similar amount at 484p. Second-liners too joined in the spree although profit taking did clip 9p from Lasmo at 500p following recent

bid speculation. But Aran Energy climbed 16p to 360p; closely followed by Weeks Petroleum 20p to 420p, Tricen-trol 10p to 318p and Burmah The busing was not only subject to oil shares, but also those yett to on snares, but also those with interests in the North Sea. Hunting Gibson jumped 20p. to 310p accompanied by Associated News 8p to 312p, and L. C. Gas 18p to 772p. Only Cawoods with a large stake in Lasmo, went against the trend dipping 6p to 186p.

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Gold shares were another buoyant sector on the back of the latest rise in the bullion price with "Aussie" mines among leading interest industrials, where it rose 14p to 399p on its Nimian Field.

However, despite some good rises, the enthusiasm surrounding ICI failed to spill over into the rest of the Blue chips. Fison improved 5p to 289p, and rises of 4p were noted in Lucas at 249p and Unilever at 460p. Glazo in its new form, following the 1-for-1 scrip, finished the day at 250p but BAT fell 15p to 245p on fears of a harsh budget.

Latest results

Em 1.3(1.24) 0.58(0.51) 1.1(1.0) 1.08(1.51) 0.81(0.75) 2.8(2.4)

per share 61.38(76.14) 43.6(28.5) 8.9(7.1) 25.1(36.5)

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In the London fitrancials. Consolidated Gold Fields came in for further speculative buy-ing tising 23p to 521p and fur-ther boosted by the news of an official inquiry into the identity of the mystery boyer which might account for 25 which might account for 25 per cent of the equity, R.T.Z. was another farm spot, rising by a similar amount, to 447p while Selection Trust expanded 44p

to 764p.
On the bid front CompAir, a speculative stock of late, jumped 164p on news that the company had received a bid approach. Some gossips had connected it with Cons Gold aithough most market opinion.

favoured I.C. Gas.
S. Hoffmung rose 14p to 89p
on news of an offer from
"down under" valued at £16m
from Burns Philip.
"Shape of Endfrom Davis avera Shares of Godfrey Davis were suspended at 141p awaiting an amountement, with most ennouncement, with most observers anticipating a bid. observers enticipating a bid.
Rothschild Investment Trust,
up 7p et 314p, holds a large
stake but is thought unlikely to
be making a bid. Most feel the
approach will come from one of
the big trading groups either
Lourho up 3p at 106p or Inchcape, 1p lower at 380p.
Nevertheless, it was enough
to send a ripple of excitament
through the motors sector.
Caffyns led the way leaping
25p to 205p. H. Perry
improved 5p to 156p, T. Cowle

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rose 310 to 49p while British Vita were 14p higher at 176p and Percy Lane advanced 4p to

Speculation and comment was good for further rises in Associated Sprayers 5p to 63p, Needlers 4p to 57p while a half-rime loss clipped 8p from British Cargo Airlines at 45p and a warning on half-time profits hit Sound Diffusion 12p Electricals had another active

day as the market waited for Racal to make its next move and rising 6p to 220p while it did so. Decra ordinary improved 20p to 593p in anticipation of a further bid and the "A" 5p to 444p. GEC remained confident, meanwhile, rising 3p to 377p.

Some attention again spiked over into Ferranti, after some the 80p a share cash offer from bullish weekend comment rising 25p to 512p which in turn pushed Plessey 7p up at

mood helped by the latest events in the steel strike, but some rises were aided by a shortage of stock. Metal Box expanded 12p to 260p along with Tubes 6p to 298p and GKN

the dividend announcement season. Barrlays added 13p to 43p with National Westminster at 363p and Lloyds at 313p both
10p higher while Midland
edged ahead 8p to 373p. In
financials Akroyd & Smithers
gained 10p to 256p and Smith

Bros 4p to 35p.

Rubbers came in for further support helped by more bid

Equity turnover on February 9, was £153.034m (21,113 bar-gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, Lasmo, RTZ, Imperial Continental Gas, Shell, Consolidated Gold Fields, ICI. Tricentrol, Plessey, National Westuninster, Western Mining, BP, North Kalgurli, S. & W. Berisford, BAT and GEC.

# New confidence in equities, but gilts languish Hoffnung with £15.9m bid

Australian conglomerate Burns Philp yesterday launched a surprise £15.9m takenver bid. for United Kingdom-based S Hoffnung & Co, which gets 90 per cent of profits and sales from Australia.

The bid came out of the blue for the Hoffmang directors who were told half an hour after the formal takeover statement had been given to the Stock Exchange

Hoffmang director, Mr Transity Corea, said: "Th first we knew was when Burns rang us at 10 am and told us about it". Last night Hoffnung advised shareholders to take no action. The board are due to meet this afternoon to discuss

But a fight could be on the cards. Mr Cohen said: "We can't say what action we will take, but the company has already fought off one bid and has shown that it values its independence." independence".
That was in the early 1970s,

when Hoffmang successfully saw of a takeover attempt by the former Slater-Walker empire on behalf of Ralli International. The board are not substantial holders of their own shares, with around 0.4 per cent stake.

Burns' advisors, Kleinwort



Mr Roland Bourne, chairman of S. Hoffmang & Co.

Benson estimate that institu-tions hold around 60 per cent of the Hoffmang equity, and Burns has already necessed irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer from investment trusts represented by Morray Johnstone, which has five boldings totalling 9.4 per

jumped 14p yesterday to close last night at 89p. Details of an offier to holders of the 12 per cent Convertible Unsecured

yet been disclosed but will be included in the formal offer. The fight is likely to centre around Hoffmang's profits per-formance. Burns' Australian general manager, Mr Terry Thompson said: "We think there is a lot of industrial logic in this move and we reckon we can make more profits from their operations than they

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Last year Hoffnung's pre-tar profits came down from £2.7m to £1.8m. Below the line these dropped around 60 per cent to £673,000 leaving the total dividend, unchanged for the third year running, uncovered. On 1979 earnings, the offer price gives Hoffmang an exit price-earnings ratio of 20. But taking earnings from the previous year, the ratio comes down to 92. For the half year to September, Hoffnung paid an unchanged interkn gross dividend of 2.121p on profits down from £738,000 to £597,000. Burns is an international group with interests in distribugroup with innerests in distribu-tion, trading, finance, manufac-turing, plantations and mining, and sales of \$A542m and profits last year of \$A28.6m.

It is in the manufacturing of plastic mouldings, the diy re-tail chains and the distribution operations which Burns say are

# Ship Canal group down 10 pc

Manchester Ship Canal Company made virtually no profit in the second half, despite an encouraging start in the first six months.

Pretax profits fell by 10 per cent from £1.9m to £1.7m the second half were a reflection of the downtum in intermal sightly from £24.5m to £5.2m according to Me Donald Red. Manchester Ship Canal Com-

six months.

Pretax profits fell by 10 per cent from £1.7m to £1.7m while turnover improved slightly from £24.5m to £25.2m in the year ending December 31, 1979. This compares with a 14 per cent increase in the first half, on almost unchanged.

For the second year running Port of Manchester operator second six months, he said. has maintained the final divi-

according to Mr Donald Red-ford, chairman. The difficulties were compounded by pay rises, which were not matched by in-creased rates and which re-

In addition, the volume of oil going through the port slack-ened, hitting operating revenue as it comprises the bulk of the company's sales. But the dredging expenditure on the Eastham Approach channel, which played a significant part in 1978's second half problems. has been reduced by a third this year.

The current year has started a little busier, Mr Redford

Early finish

at Chiswell

# **Bowring takes American bid** complaints to the SEC

C. T. Bowring's battle against the unwelcome takeover bid from Marsh & McLennan of the United States has moved to the American Securities and Exchange Commission headquar-ters in Washington,

Senior executives of the British insurance group are to spend much of this week providing SEC officials with their

views on the bid.

Bowring is known to be particularly angry about certain in-formation supplied to the SEC by Marsh in its preliminary prospectus on the £245m bid. It claims there are a number of errors in financial information

tors refused to comment on the exact nature of the complaints. it is understood that the group disputes M & M's version of the events leading up to the bid. Marsh cannot move on its offer until it receives SEC clearance and this could now be delayed for at least another formight.

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a prospectus filed with the SEC is a well-used delaying ploy in American bid situations. But, Bowring's managing director, Mr Gil Cooke, dentied yesterday that this was the sim. "We are just anxious to make We are just anxious to make sure the record is put straight ",

currently being carried out by the Office of Fair Treding, which has to decide whether or not to make a referral to the Monopolies Commission. However, it cannot make any official move until it has seen a bid prospectus from Marsh, which has been cleared by the American authorities.

There is a growing feeling

To dispute the contents of in the stock market that the OFT may use the bid move as a plank to take a closer look at the whole issue of broker's links with underwriters within If so, the takeover move could be blocked for up to mine months. Reflecting the doubts, Bowing's seares closed last

holding up the investigation low the bid value.

### **Options**

Elsewhere in Business News dividends dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown

Another bout of speculative buying in Consolidated Gold Fields provided traded options with another busy time yesterday. Total contracts leaps from Friday's figure of 719 to 1,187 of which Cons Gold attracted 240. BP came in for attracted 240. BP came in for further heavy interest, on the back of the latest surge in oil shares, with 186 contracts while RTZ inspired the days largest amount with 273 contracts. In RTZ it was the Febrary 420p series which attracted the most interest as the share price bartled up 23p to 447p.

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Traditional options also saw some active interest with a sprinking of food groups and the usual oils looking attractive. Puts were arranged in Premier and North Kalgurli ICI and William Whittingham.

# African Lakes ahead by only 6 pc

and Ethiopia, was hit by adverse currency fluctuations, lower tea profits and increased texation, as anticipated at the halfway stage.

advanced 23 per cent to £9.85m in the year to July 31, 1979. Although the group bad a good trading year in Malawi tea profits fell by £180,000 to £100,000 because of a poorer crop and lower prices. The effect of currency fluctuations amounted to a £130,000 downturn in profits, but the board said that this year's Malawi tea crop was better, although tradcrop was better, although trad-ing conditions there were depressed. The interim dividend depressed. The interim dividend at 6.3p gross has been maintained after a share-split of £1 shares in four of 25p and a proposed scrip issue of one-for-five. The current years results are unlikely to show any improvement over last year's, reported the board.

for Thai distillery

**Business appointments** 

The foan will help finance a contract worth more than \$42m, awarded to Tate and Lyle Agribusiness for the design, supply and supervision of erection of a distillery in Bengkok. It will produce alcohol for blending into Mekhong, the mational whisky. This is the first ECGD-backed buyer credit to be made available to the Thai private sector. private sector. Camvac Holdings

joins Bowater Corp

The Bowster Corporacion has bought Camvac Holdings. A fabric.
leader to she field of metallized film and papers, Camvac will Tozer in limk with US Packaging. It trades world-wide through its subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, at Therford, Norfolk, and in the United States, at Brewster, New York. The company employs about 250 people in all and has a net asset value of £2.3m. Camvac has long been established in the electrical capacitor, wall covering and label markets.

states development capital substitutions, has acquired a 49 per cent interest in Carleton Woollen Mills in Winthrop, Maine. A fully integrated woollen manufacturing company, Carleton produces fabric for the men's and remarks. for the men's and women's apparel markets, the retail home-sewing market and industrial uses and is the leading maker of bibliard cloth in the

United States.
United States.
With a turnover of US\$25m (about £11m), Carleton accounts for some 8 per cent of United States production of woollen

word-processing group

Spicers International, part of Spicer Firgos, a subsidiary of Tozer Kemsley & Milibourn (Holdings), has joined with CPT Corporation of Minneapolis to set up a joint-venture com-pany, CPT UK Ltd, to market the American compeny's word-processing systems in the United Kingdom. Announcing this yesterday in London, Mr Dean Scheff, OPT Corporation chair-man, said that the corporation was the third largest, indepenwas the third largest, indepen-dent word-processing company

appointed to the newly created post of national development director for Allied Suppliers (Properties).

Mr Bob Stewart has been made managing director of CMG Com-puter Management Group (Scot-

Mr George E. Mitchell has been elected president and chief executive officer of Redland Braas Corporation. Mr Mitchell was also elected as a director of Redland

Mr A. Bertelsen, chairman of

# August. The move is being viewed as further evidence that potential buyers British Petroleum are near to clinching a deal. Pri-vately they have indicated that they would like to begin fitting out the offices by August.

British Petroleum have been thought to be the buyers of the two office blocks for some months. No price has been quoted by either Trafaigar House or Whitbread, but the purchase price is thought to make it one of the largest pro-perty transactions in the United Kingdom, at around £100 mil-

"We have spoken to a number of people, but the people

decision in paying this over-time, people will doubtless speculate on the reasons why", Mr Dickinson said.

A statement on the sale of

people.

Mr A. Bertelsen, chairman of the Celcon Group, has been named a director of Kentish White Brick. Mr H. Schmidt-Hansen, managing director of the Celcon Group, and Mr B. S. Prime, financial director of the Celcon Group, have also been appointed directors of Kentish White Brick.

Mr Ron Elliott has been appointed director, European business development, for the Ferkins Engines Group. Pre-tax profits

### for Deborah up 19<sub>DC</sub>

shares are traded on the cyrrthe-counter market made by M. J. H. Nightingale and Co.

# SGB GROUP'S **BROAD STANCE REFLECTED** IN RECORD RESULTS

### INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS BY ALL **UK MAINSTREAM OPERATIONS**

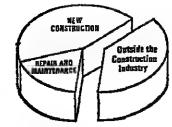
 Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr. Neville Clifford-Jones, for the year ended 29th September,

I have been asked a number of times over the last year the following question: "Why is it that SGB Group is performing so well at a time when the construction industry is stagnant and many other companies in it are producing less good

The prime reason must be the ability of management, staff and operatives to get and stay ahead. This is a major factor, but difficult to quantify. **Broad stance** 

The second important reason must be our broad stance in the market place. As illustrated below. I calculate that, taking the group as a whole, no less than 36% of our work is completely outside the construction industry. Of the construction industry work itself, no less than 33% is for the repairs and maintenance sector. It is this sector that has been so buoyant over the last two years and the industry statistics I am sure substantially underestimate the volume of work being

### Market Orientation



The third major factor is that all our four mainstream operations at home, Scaffolding (Great Britain), Youngmans, the Mechanical Plant Group and HSS Hire Group, are going ahead strongly together and we have no major part of our business making losses or pulling us back. We are now benefiting increasingly from the two major acquisitions, Youngmans, and CSG from which the Mechanical

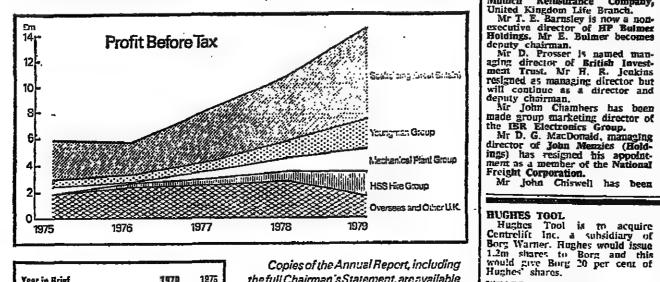
Plant Group has been developed, and from the pioneering of the Hire Service Shop concept in the United Kingdom. The graph below illustrates this.

Of course, I am not implying that we are in any way immune to a major downturn in the construction industry, but because of the counter-cyclical effect of our various activities, together with our wide geographical spread and because of the nature of our major activity, hire, which normally holds up well in a

recession, we are at least cushioned to some extent from the worst effects. It is some disappointment that the

percentage of our profits earned overseas has reduced over the last few years. though this is because of the large increase at home rather than a decrease in actual overseas earnings.

We have again record results and the board's sincere thanks go to all employees for the part they have played in achieving



Year in Brief	1972	1976
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Group turnover	119,343	93,205
Group trading prelit	18,853	12,292
Group profit after interest and before tax	14,514	10,692
Group profit after tax and gingrity interests	10,965	9,495
Shareholders' lunds	49,084	38,974
Return on shareholders' lunds measured by Group profit before tax	29.6%	26.7%
Earnings per share measured by group prolit before tex	65:5p	49-2p
Earnings par share measured by group profit after tax and munority interests	49-5p	43-āp

Copies of the Annual Report, including the full Chairman's Statement, are available from The Secretary, SGE Group Limited, Mitcham, Surrey CR44TQ. Tel: 01-640 3393

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 11.30a.m. on Tuesday, March 18th. 1980 at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London.





# African Lakes Corporation, for Grindleys Bank and Lloyds areas of the United States texthe Edinburgh-based trading group with interests in Malawi and Ethiopia, was hit by adverse currency fluctuations, The loan will help finance a profits and increased. The loan will help finance a States development capital sub-

Group pre-tax profit in-creased slightly by 6 per cent to £1.3m, while turnover advanced 23 per cent to £9.85m

ECGD backs loan

The Export Credity Guaranteed the repayment has guaranteed the repayment and funding for a US\$30m (about £13m) loan which Hill Samuel & Co, acting the first of a planned with the US.

Hawker Siddeley finance chief Mr P. C. Franks has been made financial director of Hawker Siddeley Water Engineering.
Mr F. B. Nicholls has been appointed by Sun Alliance Insurance Group as assistant general manager, finance division. Mr G. E. Browne is appointed chief investment manager, and Mr I. M. Trotter becomes investment manager.

Mr G. C. Zielinski has been made financial director of Bison made financial director of bison Group.

Mr John T. Freeman has been named managing director of International Ceramics.

Mr Christopher Clark has been appointed joint actuary of the Munich Reinsurance Company, United Kingdom Life Branch.

Mr T. E. Barnsley is now a non-executive director of HP Bulmer Holdings. Mr E. Bulmer becomes deputy chairman.

Holdings. Mr E. Bulmer becomes deputy chairman.

Mr D. Prosser Is named managing director of British Investment Trust. Mr H. R. Jenkins resigned as managing director but will continue as a director and deputy chairman.

Mr John Chambers has been made expert productions. Mr John Chambers has been made group marketing director of the IBR Electronics Group.
Mr D. G. MacDonald, managing director of John Menzies (Holdings) has resigned his appointment as a member of the National Freight Corporation.
Mr John Chiswell has been

Wearra Group has bought Burestat Vinsl Products for £325,000, with a further sum (not less than £63,000) payable, de-pending on profits.

Steel trike, unless quickly resolved, will be bound to have an adverse effect on the activities of F. Pratt Engineering Corp. reports Mr A. M. G. Galliers-Pratt, chairman, in his annual report.

SOUND DIFFUSION

Board expects 1979 trading profit will be about half 1978's figure because of abnormally high interest rates. Board intends to pay dividend for 1979 of 1.5p gress, against 1.14p (adjusted) for 1978. Sound Difussion has started 1980 with a strong cash position and has just completed "an out-

WEARRA GROUP

SOUND DIFFUSION

F. PRATT

made a non-executive director of Walaw Plant Hire.

Mr Ian Fowlds becomes director of Anglia Forwarding (Stratford).

Mr J. M. Sim becomes non-executive deputy chairman of Gray Mackenzie & Co with effect from April 1, 1980. Sir Rae McKaig will be executive deputy chairman and chief executive. Mr J. A. W. Bolt 1s to be managing director in succession to Mr W. D. D. Orde who remains on the board until October 31, 1980. Mr A. A. Macaskili, presently director Bahrain. Mr David Small has been appointed financial director of the appointed financial director of the Atcost Group.

Mr R. Fulton has become deputy managing director of Flakt. Mr. I. Dunsmore, Mr G. C. D. Ruxton and Mr A. Watters have been made new divisional directors.

until October 31, 1980. Mr A. A. Macaskill, presently director Bahrain, is to be additionally appointed chief executive Guif.

Mr Nick Pope, manager of Nutrikem, has joined Farm Feed Formulators as deputy managing director.

Mr Barrie Howell has been appointed chairman of Frederick Coyle & Co, succeeding Mr John Redgrave who will be remaining on the board.

Mr Paul Rochez has been made Mr Paul Rochez has been made director of manpower and management development services at Mirror Group Newspapers. Mr Tom Agapton becomes director of administrative services. Neither appointment carries a service to the appointment carries a seat on the MGN board.

Mr R. S. Hargreaves has become an executive director of J. A. Mr Leslie Thorogood, managing director of Spillers International is to become a director of Dalgety

standingly successful " exhibition at Hotelympia.

WILLIAMSON TEA In 18 months to June 30, 1979, pretax profits reached £3,39m, compared with December's esti-

Briefly mate of about £3.5m and £7.64m for the preceding 12 months. Turn-over, £26.59m, against £27.11m. A total dividend of 17.85p gross is

heing paid-(same). WHEWAY WATSON Wheway Watson Holdings offers for Joseph Shakespeare accepted for over 90 per cent of ordinary and preference capital. Merger not to be referred to Monopolies Commission. BRITISH CARGO AIRLINES

against profit of £535,000 for similar half in 1978 and £1.32m profit for year to March 31, 1979. Current year not expected to show profit. But rationalization meas-ures expected to show improved results in next year. BLUEMEL BROS

Given uninterrupted production.

Mr B. J. Ditcham, the chairman
of Bluemel Bros (manufacturers of
plastic components) expects a recovery in group profits in 1979-80. BLUNDELL-PERMOGLAZE

Mr N. G. Bassert Smith, chairman of Blundell-Permoglaze Holdings (paint and building chemicals), says in his annual statement that he is sure shareholders can expect "another satisfactory result this year". ORION BANK

Oliton BANK
This London consortium hank, suffered a fall in pretax profits in 1979 from £10.1m to £8.5m. But Lord Sandon, chairman, said total dividends of £750,000 were satisfactory taking into account falling margins in loan and issue markets.

### St as BP talks go on By Philip Robinson bread—joint developers of the brewer's former headquarters in Chiswell Street, London have steeped up construction on the site to complete one of the two office blocks eight weeks shead of schedule in

But a spokesman for BP said last night: "We are still negotiating. Nothing has been settled."

Mr Dennis Dickinson, manag-ing director of Shire Technical Services, the Whithread sub-sidiary managing the site, said: stanted accelerating the work on the development last week. It does not indicate that we have semied on a buyer. No deal has been concluded.

Palitics.

ber of people, but the people who are at the moment most likely to buy are British Petroleum who would like occupation as early as practical."

He said that the working week on the sire has been increased from 50 hours to 61 hours a week which involves spending hundreds of thousands of nounds in overtime payments. of pounds in overtime payments. " We have taken a commercial

A statement on the sale of the size could be made within four months.

It is known that BP, whose present office in Moor Lane in the City of London overlooks the size, is looking for space to house some of its head-quarters staff, which is removed to the sale, is a looking for space to house some of its head-quarters. quarters staff, which is reported to approach 4,000

At present BP occupies space in Britannic House and in two adjoining office blocks. It is understood that Britannic House would remain on operational centre if any deal went through.

On turnover 48 per cent higher at £9.6m, pre-tax profits of Deborah Services rose by 19 per cent to £745,000 in the six months to Sept. 30. While pre-tax losses of the special products division more than doubled to £172,000 (against £78,000), profits of scaffolding contracting and building equipment were up from £602,000 to £816,000. Those of the insulation engineers section were of Deborah Services rose by tion engineers section were virtually unchanged at £102,000, compared with £101,000 Mr A. L. Britton, the chairman, declares that the outlock is "good" and he believes that last year's results (£1.2m results) will be exceeded. Deberth's shares are traded on the current

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

# Rumours of fresh bid by Sime for Guthrie

A possible repeat bid by Sime Darby, the plantations group, for another Far East trader, Guthrie Corporation is again the talk of Kuala Lumpur and London. But a sharp rise in plantation values since Sime bid about 540p for each Guthrie share nearly a year ago, means that another offer will be much more expensive.

Sime's last bid lapsed on March 27, 1979, so the year's

Sime's last bid lapsed on March 27, 1979, so the year's interval between bids required by the Stock Exchange has almost passed. Estimates of Guthrie's net asset value per share vary between £9 and £10. As the rumours intensify, plantation shares are likely to rise further, correspondingly increasing the cost of a bid.

A Sime spokesman declined to comment on reports that his company is preparing a second

company is preparing a second bid. Yesterday Guthrie shares rose 42p to 809p.

Both companies have extensive interests in rubber plantations, palm oil, trading and real estate. A successful takeover of one by the other would make the biggest plontation company in the world, particularly dominant in Malaysia. nant in Malaysia.

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But two obstacles in Sime's way, apart from the rising cost of a bid, include the reluctance of M & G, the unit trust managers, to dispose of their 13 per cent stake, and the fact that Guthrie has 3.2 million unissued shares it can use defensively.

Sime's last bid reached 49 per cent after an acrimonious battle, but lapsed because the required 50 per cent was not attained. Sime now controls 29.9 per cent of Guthrie. Under the recent reorganization of M & G, however, merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson, who advised Sime last year, are now the unit trust manager's effective owners. manager's effective owners.

### Saudi-Japan deal

Saudi Arabia's Central Bank (SAMA) has purchased about 55bn yen worth of national bonds directly from the Bank of Japan in the past three months, according to Tokyo

The first large scale purchase of Japanese national bonds is believed to have been made on condition that SAMA re-sell the bonds in two or three years to the Bank of Japan based on market prices.

No comment was immediately available from the Bank of

### Italian State Metals

Samin of Italy, the mining and metals subsidiary of State oil Group Eni, foresees a return to balance in 1982 under a 1.1 trillion lire plan to rationalize and expand its activities in the period up to 1984, according to Samin planning director Signor Duccio Valori.

The plan aims to concentrate Samin's primary lead and zinc production in a complex in Sardinia with annual productive capacity of 280,000 tonnes, and to expand Samin's mineral research activities abroad through joint ventures.

### **EZ** Industries

EZ Industries of Australia says that the sharp rise in its first half profit was due to higher metals prices, parti-cularly for silver and gold. It reported earlier net profit for the 28 weeks to January 9 of \$A33.10m (£16.5m) against \$A6.94m in the same period a year earlier.

EZ noted only part of the metal content of lead and copper concentrates shipped during the reporting period was finally priced at the end of it.

### Bank Base Rates

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### Wall Street

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### **Commodities**

# Discount

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### **Money Market** Detes

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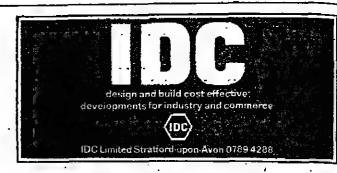
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House of Lords

# Motorways: limited scope of local inquiries

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to challenge the validity of the forecast method in use in order to show that the proposed road is not needed.

The House of Lords, Lord Edmund-Davies dissenting, allowed an appeal by the Secretary of State from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Shaw, Lord Justice Templeman dissenting), which had set aside an order of Sir Douglas Frank (sitting as a deputy Queen's Bench judge) (The Times, December 10, 1977; 76 LGR 460) made on the application under Schedule 2 to the Highways Act. 1959, of Mr John Bushell and Mr Terence James Brunt, two objectors to promosed schemes. James Brunt, two objectors to proposed schemes for stretches of

minister in 1972.

Mr Bushell and Mr Brunt (inter allos), who would be adversely affected, objected. A public inquiry was held on 100 days between June, 1973, and January. 1974. At the inquiry evidence of traffic forecasts given by witnesses for the Department of the Environment was based on a book (The Red Book) published by the department and then used as its standard basic reference for assessing future traffic growth.

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The inspector refused to allow the objectors to cross-examine wit-nesses about the Red Book fore-casts, though he allowed evidence tasts, though he allowed evidence to be called as to their securacy. After the inquiry but before the inspector had reported to the minister, the department issued new "design flow" standards showing that the existing roads could take much more traffic than had been estimated.

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In June, 1975, the inspector submitted his report and recommended that the order for the schemes be made. In April, 1976, the objectors, who in September, 1974, had asked for the inquiry to be reopened, sought to make representations to the minister based on more up-to-date traffic based on more up-to-date traffic flow data. The department replied that if the new information led the minister to disagree with the inspector's recommendations the objectors would have an oppor-tunity to comment on it. In tunity to comment on it. In August, 1976, the minister made orders authorizing the schemes.

The Court of Appeal allowed the objectors' appeal on the ground that there had been a failure of natural justice in disallowing the oross-examination at the inquiry and in not reopening the inquiry on limited grounds, and accordingly quashed the schemes.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC. Mr Kourad Schieman and Mr David Holgate for the minister. Lord Gifford and Mr Andrew Arden for

the objectors.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the LORD DIPLOCK said that the two proposed schemes were intended to form an integral part of the national motorways network. The procedure to be followed by the minister in making schemes under section 11 of the Highways Act was in Part II Schedule 1. Paragraph 9 provided for the lodging of objections by persons appearing to the minister to be affected by the proposed scheme and required him, if such objections were not withdrawn, to order a local inquiry. a local inquiry.

The Act itself said nothing more The Act itself said nothing more about the scope of the inquiry or the procedure at or after it, save that under paragraph 10 the minister, before reaching his decision, had to consider the objections not withdrawn and the report of the inspector who had held the local inquiry before he made up his mind to exercise his administrative discretion in making the scheme either in its original form or with modifications or age form or with modifications or not making it at all; and section 12 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act. 1971, required him to give reasons.

After considering in general the

Manchester Consistory Court

In re St Andrew's, Dearnley

Before Chancellor Spafford [Judgment delivered January 23]

Electric lights, though a lawful form of illumination in churches, should not, normally, be used in form of imitation candles if only however.

because, so far as reasonably pos-sible, the genuine and best articles should be used in the worship of God.

The Chancellor so found when

worship of God.

The Chancellor so found when refusing to decree a faculty in the terms of a petition by the vicar and churchwardens of St Andrew's Church, Dearnley, Littleborough, in the Diocese of Manchester, seeking authorization for (1) the removal of a wooden folding triptych and a brass cross and six brass candlesticks from the high altar; (2) the erection of a wooden caucopy six feet above the altar; (3) the provision of six wood candlesticks fitted with electric lamps; (4) the provision of a rail above the altar to carry a curtain behind the altar; and (5) the double glazing of the east window. The petition was unopposed.

posed.

The petitioners in person.
CHANCELLOR SPAFFORD said that the petition raised a number of issues, one of which was the use of "electric candles" in a church. The Manchester Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches were of the opinion that aesthetically electrical light was not acceptable as an alternative to a burning light, and Canon Morgan, the chairman of the committee, considered imitation candles to be deeply offensive in a building dedicated to the

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of fact or opinion, expert or otherwise, to be cross-examined by a party who wished to dispute a particular statement must depend on all the circumstances. In the instant case the question arose in connexion with expert opinion on a technical matter. The most important consideration was the inspector's own view whether the cross-examination would be likely to enable him to make a more useful report to the minister in reaching his decision, and was sufficient to justify any expense and inconvenience to other parties to the inquiry by prolonging it.

Each objector had been told before the inquiry that "The government's policy to build these new motorways will not be open to debate at the forthcoming inquiries: the secretary of state is answerable to Parliament for this policy."

Much confusion had been caused

Much confusion had been caused by failing to define the sense in which "policy" could properly be used to describe a topic which was unsuimble to be investigated as to its merits at an inquiry at which only persons with local interests affected by the scheme were entitled to be represented. A decision to construct a nationwide network of motorways was clearly government policy in the widest sense of the term. Any proposal to alter it was appropriate to be the subject of debate in Parliament, not of separate investigations in scores of local inquiries before individual inspectors up and down the country on whatever material happened to be presented to them at the particular inquiry over which they presided. But at the other extreme the selection of the exact line to be followed through a particular locality by a motorway would not be described as involving government policy in its ordinary sense. It affected particular local interests only and was an appropriate subject for full investigation at a local inquiry where the inspector could form a judgment on which subject for full investigation at a local inquiry where the inspector could form a judgment on which to base a recommendation which deserved to carry weight with the minister in reaching a final decision as to the line the motorway should follow.

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should follow.

Because of the time that must elapse between the preparation of any scheme and the completion of the stretch of motorway it authorized, the department, in deciding in what order new stretches ought to be constructed, bad adopted a uniform practice of making a major factor in its decision the likelihood that there would be a traffic need for that particular stretch in 15 years—the "design year" of the scheme. Priorities as between one stretch and another had got to be determined somehow. Whether the adoption of a uniform practice for doing that was most appropriately described as government policy or something else, the propriety of adopting it was clearly a matter fit to be debated in a wider forum than any investigation at an individual local inquiry; and in that sense, at least, its adoption formed part of government policy.

The test of future needs for a new road to carry traffic between given destinations in the design year was whether, if the new stretch was not constructed, there would be undue congestion of traffic on existing roads for which the new stretch would provide an alternative route. To apply that test of need to a design year 15 years ahead involved estimating (1) the amount of traffic existing roads in the locality were capable of bearing without becoming so congested as to involve unaccept-

genuine and best.

Nevertheless, there could be cases for the approval of electric candles. An obvious example would be where a parish wished to have candles of some sort as an aid to worship and either reasonably considered that the use of wax candles created a fire risk, or could not afford wax candles, or found the smoke from wax candles created undesirable cleaning problems.

The position at Sr Andrew's was

undestrable cleaning problems.

The position at St Andrew's was that in 1937 a reredos in triptych form had been dedicated and placed behind the altar. Unfortunately, rain had penetrated through chioks in the east window and rotted the reredos. The vicar had been told by a firm of joiners that it would cost "a thousand or two " to repair. In the face of that situation it had been decided to apply for a faculty to replace the reredos with a curtain. In order to eliminate the penetration of rain the east window was to be double glazed. The vicar considered that there would be a fire risk in relation to the new curtain if wax candles in the existing brass candlesticks were used. Hence the proposal to substitute electric candles.

In addition to causing the water

the committee, considered imitation to addless. In addition to causing the water and belief to the worship of God. But the Vicar of St. Andrew's felt that the symbolism of the Light of the symbolism of the Light of the World would be provided adequately by electric candles.

Candles with risible "living" that was proposed to prevent symbols to members of the worshipping community which electric shipping community which electric candles would not so fully encounted by the control of the worshipping community which electric candles would not so fully encounted by the control of the worshipping community which electric candles with not so fully encounted by the control of the worshipping community which electric candles.

In addition to causing the water penetration the wind blew dust from the roof, and grif down from the roof, and grif down from the roof, and grif down from the cleaning problem in the charch, the dust might in the charch, and the plant was proposed to prevent the altar and the pall was removed. The canopy over was removed. The canopy o

'Electric candles' have no place in a church

and could carry a limited symbolic meaning. But, normally, such lights should not be in a disguised form, for example, imitation candles, if only because, so far as reasonably possible, the genuine and best should be used in the worship of God. An article "pretending" to be other than it in fact was would be an imitation or "phoney" and, therefore, not the genuine and best.

Nevertheless, there could be test, had reported on the reredos, setting out the repairs needed, the cost of which he put in the region of £250. As far as the court was aware, the parish could afford that, and double glazing of the east window should remove any further risk to the reredos. Accordingly, it was not essential to remove the cross and candlesticks, substituting in their stead the curtain and electric candles. Further, the six

in the Red Book and the department's publication on rural roads could be regarded as an essential element in the policy. But whether policy or methodology, the merits of the methods adopted were, clearly not appropriate for investigation at individual local inquiries by an inspector whose consideration of the matter was limited by the methods. limited by the material presented to him at the particular inquiry, It would be a rash inspector who based on that kind of material a positive recommendation to the minister that the method of predicting traffic needs throughout the country should be changed, and it would be an unwise minister who acted in reliance on it.

The objectors, including the two respondents, were allowed to voice their criticisms of the methods used to predict traffic needs for the purposes of the two schemes and call such expert evidence as they wanted in support of their criticisms. But they were not allowed to cross-examine the department's representatives on the reliability and statistical validity of the methods of traffic prediction described in the Red Book and applied by the department for calculating and comparing traffic needs in all localities throughout the country. That was the only matter complained of about the inspector's conduct of the inquiry. The objectors, including the two

the inquiry.

Was that unfair to the objectors? For the reasons his Lordship had given and in full agreement with Lord Justice Templeman, he did not think it was. The inspector was right in saying that the use of the concept of traffic needs in the design year assessed by a particular method as the yardstick by which to determine the order in which particular stretches of the national network of motorways should be network of motorways should be constructed was government policy and so a topic unsultable for in-vestigation by inspectors at local inquiries.

The inspector recommended that both schemes should be made as drafted, subject to numerous minor modifications; he duly reported the criticisms of the Red Book method. On traffic needs in Book method. On traint needs in the design year, the inspector con-cluded that he ought to be guided by the department's forecasts while at the same time recognizing the wide margin of error to which they were subject. He added: "It may be that more up-to-date and authoritative forecasts will have become available by the time you [the minister] consider this report; if so; you will, I trust, be in a position to assess my conclusions in the light of this later information.".

In fact, in August, 1974, new In fact, in August, 1974, new standards for assessing the capacity of rural roads were adopted and published in the department. Experience had shown that modern roads were capable of carrying more traffic than they had been credited with under the previous system. In 1975 the Red Book method was abandoned and a revised method resulted in predictions of slower growth.

growth.

The respondents claimed that it was a denial of natural justice to them on the minister's part not to reopen the local inquiry to give objectors an opportunity of criticizing the revised methods of assessment, cross-examining the department's representatives about them, and advancing arguments as to the strength they added to their case. They also said that actual traffic counts made in 1974 on affected roads showed the actual numbers as substantially less than those predicted. That was not

in their stead the curtain and electric candles. Further, the six electric candles. Further, the six electric candles, when lit, were clearly artificial candles and not the genuine and best articles for use in worship, and no exceptional case for their use had been made out.

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In fact, all the obserations proposed in the petition had been carried out about two years ago, without any faculty, in blatant breach of the Faculty Jurisdiction Measure, 1964. The vicar had stressed that neither the parochial church council nor the petitioners had any wish or intent to dely the Measure but had done what they did by way of experiment to see whether or not they liked it.

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year.
The minister's ultimate decision he minister's upmate decision was purely administrative. What he then did bore little resemblance to adjudicating on a Us between the parties represented at the inquiry.

Inquiry.

The department did their sums again, applying the revised methods of estimation and prediction. The results were stated by the minister in the letter giving the reasons for his decision. He was of opinion that the traffic needs for M42 Bromsgrove and M40 Warnick so disclosed did not differ so materially from those estimates on which the department had relied at the local inquiry as to affect his decision to accept the inspector's recommendation that the schemes should be made.

What the respondents really what the respondents reality wanted was to hold up authorization of the construction of the two relevant stretches until the revised methods had been the subject of investigation at the reopened inquiry. But a local inquiry was not a suitable forum in which to debate what was in the relevant tenns a matter of covernin which to debate what was in the relevant sense a matter of government policy. The minister was fully justified in refusing to reopen the local inquiry or to defer his decision until after that had been done. So the respondents failed on that ground too. The schemes were validly made by the minister in August, 1976, and the appeal should be allowed.

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appeal should be allowed.

Ris Lordship would add that
the procedure for making compulsory purchase orders in respect
of land needed had not yet been
put in hand. Meanwhile there had
been further revisions in the
method of estimating traffic needs
as recommended by an expert
departmental committee. In making his administrative decision
whether and when to proceed with departmental communes. An man-ing his administrative decision whether and when to proceed with the actual construction of M42 and M40 the minister would take into consideration traffic needs as assessed by whatever method it was then the policy of the depart-ment to adopt as the most reliable available.

available.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE, concurring, said that the inspector was fully entitled to refuse to allow the cross-examination of civil servants as to the validity of the methods prescribed in the Red Book. Their views on the comparative merits of different methods of forecasting traffic elicited in the course of cross-examination would not have served any useful purpose. There was no denial of natural justice or unfairness.

Nor did his Lordship consider that failure to reopen the inquiry was a denial of natural justice, since without any reopening the objectors could comment on the

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LORD EDMUND-DAVIES, dissenting, said that the objectors wished to call evidence that there was no need for the M42 scheme and sought to challenge the Red Book methods of prediction by cross-examination. They wanted to demonstrate out of the mouths of the department witnesses themselves that that methodology was neither accurate nor reliable. The department argued that the Red Book procedures were "government policy" and so within the inspector's classification of "irrelevant matter." Regrettably the inspector upheld the submission and ruled that no cross-examination could be permitted.

His Lordship agreed with Lord Denning that the Red Book was not government policy at all, but predictions by the department's experts about the future and just as much matters of fact as the evidence of a medical man as to the prognosis of a disease.

It was beyond doubt that the inspector could and should disallow questions relating to the merits of government policy, which involved the exercise of political judgment; but matters of fact and expertise did not become "policy" merely because a department of government policy, which involved the exercise of political judgment; but matters of fact and expertise did not become "policy" merely because a department of government relied on them. If the Red Book was not "government policy", on what basis could the cross-examination of departmental witnesses relying on its methodology be properly refused?

His Lordship was driven to the conclusion that the refusal to permit cross-examination on what, by common agreement, was evidence of cardinal importance, was indefensible and unfair, and as such, a denial of natural justice; and the objectors were prejudiced thereby. The 1959 Act expressly provided that the interests of an applicant had been substantially prejudiced. That was the position here.

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Lord Fraser agreed with the three speeches for allowing the appeal, and Lord Lane delivered a concurring speech.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Chuton Davis & Co.

benefit of their advice.

However, though a faculty in

the terms of the petition would

ment.

If it was then decided to restore the status quo by repairing the reredos and using the orginal candlesticks with wax candles a faculty limited to the double glazing would be decreed. If it was desired to use electric standard lamps on the altar or retable, the advice of the diocesan advisory committee should be sought on design and colouring, and the lamps should not be in the form of candles. Any faculty approving their introduction would be based on the retention and use close to the altar of two existing large

the altar of two existing large candlesticks.

aware, the parish could afford that, and double glazing of the east window should remove any further risk to the reredos. Accordingly, it was not essential to remove the use of electric candles, the whole of the proposed scheme would be authorized for the next will be months so that consideration could be given to what was best in the light of the present judgment.

When a parish in the diocese wished to try out an alteration, the proper course was to ask the registrar for the Chancellor's consent to a temporary permission. Such consent would be readily given but would be coupled with a given but would be coupled with a time limit. In addition the consent would be dependent on the diocesan advisory committee being informed of the proposal so that

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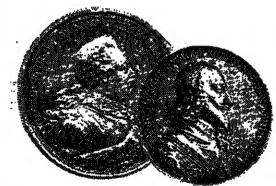
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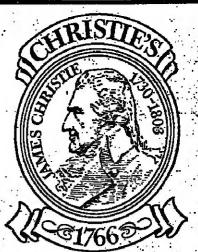
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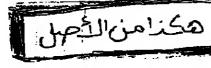
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Ian McKellen as Skipling and Kate Coleridge as Susic in a scene from Dying Day, ITV 8.00 (see below).

 For some reason which I have never been able to understand, television producers have always loved a debate—and so much television producers have always loved a decoate—and so make the better if it involves a studio audience aud/or you the viewer. It never seems to matter that these affairs generally collapse under the weight of raised voices, often with the chairman shouting loudest of all. As if Question Time (BBC 1, 11.02) were not enough for one night, we are now to be treated to Thames Debate (Thames, 11.40), in which Llew Gardner will to Thames Departe (Thames, 11.40), in which Liew Gardner will fill the television version of the role created by Dick Tayerne in radio's You the Jury. It will be a more formal gathering than Question Fime, with reasoned (though perhaps not reasonable) argument from two speakers and a vote by the assembled cross-section. Indeed Thames Debate will get the best of both worlds, for the viewers are invited to note that This arguing's motion. for the viewers are invited to vote, too. This evening's motion, proposed by Tory MP Nicholas Scott, is that "Conservative Industrial Relations Work". Predictably, a Labour stalwart, Eric Varley, opposes. Is this sort of thing really what television is for?

• It is not unusual for children's drama series to appeal as much to adults. Part of the reason for this is that a good yarn—such as last year's Treasure Island with Alfred Burke as Long John—briogs out the child in us, while the other part is that children's writers appear to credit their audiences with some intelligence, which is more than can be said for the authors of certain series for adults. The sort of children's programme I mean is superbly exemplified by Grange Hill (BBC 1, 5.15); the writer, Phil Redmond brilliantly captures school life through both his pupils and his teachers. The bullies, the toadies, the trendies-they're all in evidence. And as a bonus there are some sharp observations on contemporary society.

● Anthony Skipling—meek, methodical, living alone in darkest suburbia since his wife left him—is accosted by a man on a train who appears to be a naturalist and insists on playing some wildlife tape recordings. When the naturalist detrains, he leaves behind one tape, which Skipling takes home and plays. The tape tells our nero that he will shortly be murdered. Terror ensues : does Skipling believe it and will anyone else believe it? Such is the opening of Dying Day, the new Armchair Thriller (ITV, 8.00). Ian McKellen plays Skipling. "I knew," says writer John Bowen,
"that the part was going to need a very special actor." It
certainly has one. My problem is that the second episode is not

● This evening's radio highlight is undoubtedly All That Fall, Samuel Beckett's play specially written for the medium (Radio 3,

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6.40 am Open University: Perceiving a Wilderness, 7.05 Chemistry of Carbon Compounds; 7.30 Measuring the Earth and the Moon. close down at 7.55.
9.35 For Schools, Colleges: Out of the Past; 9.58 Matha-on-abox; 10.16 Look and Read; 10.38 Resource Units 11-13 (English); 11.00 Watch; 11.17 Television Club; 11.38 Design by Five; 12.05 pm General Studies (The Silicon Factor). Close down at 12.30.
12.45 News and weather.
1.00 Pebble Mill at Oue: Includes advice on legal, financial and medical matters from Dr David Delvin. Pat Petch and Vincent Duggleby.

Delvin. Pat Petch and Vincent Durgleby. 1.45 Trumpton: Puppet series (r). 2.00 You and Me: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r). 2.14 For Schools, Colleges: Encounter: Germany; 2.30 English: Last episode of Julius Caesar from the BBC TV Shakespeare series first shown on BBC 2. Close down .25 Dechrau Siarad: Learning Play School; today's story is a Woolly Hat, by Durothy Edwards. 4.20 Yogi Bear : Cartoon.

4.25 Jackanory: Cyd Hayman con-tinues Oriental Folk Tales with a

6.40 am Open University, 6.40

Paris: Imperial City; 7.05 All

About Risk; 7.30 Computer-based Information Systems. Closedown

10.05 Too Big to Bargain With?

Series for trade unionists on

10.30 Lost for Words: Early Warn-ings. Help for speech-impaired people and their families (Repeat from Sunday).

12.00 Play School: As BBC1 at 3.55.

11.25 Write Away: Barry Took, helped by Michael Gambon and Zena Walker, presents a practical guide to everyday writing. Today, the difficulties of car insurance forms (repeat from Sunday).

11.40 It's a Great Life: Exami-

nation Business. Discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of an exam-based educational system

democracy at work (r).

story called the Magic Millstones. 4.40 Isla and the Farm on the Hill: The girl from the Generation Game, Isla St Clair, finds out what Game, Isla St Clair, times out it's like to live and work on a Welsh hill farm. In the first of the management of the state of the stat plough, She's a trier, you have to

admir.
5.05 John Craven's Newround.
5.15 Grange Hill: Part 11 of 16 (see
Personal Choice).
5.40 News with Kenneth Kendall.
5.55 Nationwide: Glyn Worship
continues his Home Office series of
dailtaynesself interpretation. do-it-yourself instruction.

6.50 Robbie: A Ripe Old Age.
Fyfe Rebtrson, veteran television reporter, talks to Lord Hailsham, veteran lawman, politician, writer and philosopher.

7.20 The Rockford Files: The Hamilton Headshar.

7.20 The Rockford Files: The Hawalian Headache: Television's most engaging American PI (with the possible exception of Harry O) dips rather more than his toe Into the muddy waters of espionage when he wins a holiday in Hawati. 8.10 Decision: A Future for Januce? Last in the series about major changes in people's lives features a 16-year-old girl who asks to be taken into care and later to live with foster parents. live with foster parents.

9.00 News with Richard Baker.

9.25 Flesh and Blood: Fish and Chips Twice. The "trouble at t

mili" family saga staggers on with the appalling Max and Sarah visiong unhappy son Guy at school. Mabel and Henry are the only ones I give a damn for.

10.20 Tell Me on a Sunday: Marti Webb, the new Evita in the West End, sings about love and its effects on an English girl in New York. Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Don Black.

11.00 News headlines.

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11.02 Question Time: Robin Day plays referee for Nigel Lawson, MP, Merivu Rees, MP, Lord Chalfont and Marina Warner (see Personal Choice).

12.02 am Weather.

Radio 4

1.00 News.

6.00 am News Briefing.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News.

7.30, 8.30 Headline

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother.

5.00 News, 6.30 Just A Minute.† 7.00 News. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 The Restless Years (4).

3.15 Sons and Lovers (4).†

4.45 Story: The Melon-seed Girl. 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather.

dent.
9.30 Kalcidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 The Hornblower Story.†
11.00 A Book at Redume.
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VHF 6.50 am Regional news, weather.

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You; West, Day Out, 12.65 am Close,

(repeat from Sunday). Closedown 7.45 News with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.55 Cartoon Two: Sattemania.
7.58 Vagoslav film lyrically interprets the haunting music of Erik Satie.
8.10 Company and Co: Watch the Birdie. at 12.05.
2.30 Dilemmas: Justifiable Discrimination. Professor Bernard Williams considers whether philosophy has the answer to modern moral problems (r).
3.00 Propaganda with Facts: The cinema and public opinion in the

Birdie. 9.00 Movie Showcase: Between the Lines (1977). Joan Micklin Silver's highly acclaimed film about Seven-ries counter-culture in America. A fading underground newspaper is taken over by a cyoical entre-preneur and the idealism of its staff takes a hard knock. Very funny and occasionally moring. 19.40 Animated Conversations: Confessions of a Foyer Girl, Part of an occasional series in which animators cavesdrop then give vent

to their imaginations (r). 10.45 Newsnight. 11.30 The Old Grey Whistle Test Anne Nightingale introduces studio guests Charlie Dore and Public Image Ltd (Johnny Rotten's new

### THAMES

English Programme (about publishing); 11.05 Leapfrong (Marhs for seven to nine-year-olds); 11.22 Good Health (Talking Feet); 11.39 The Land (Bill Grundy on the Isle

makes a pupper with a paper cup, cardboard, fabric and a small lolli-

World War.

1.00 News at One.

1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Airport Chaplain: No Hero.

Bill Duncan (Ronald Forfar) is faced with the problems of an engineer prepared to be down-

the achievements of the famous paraplegic unit at Stoke Mander-ville Hospital, followed by live discussion on the implications of the Government's threatened cash

1940s (r).
3.30 A Woman's Place? Women who refuse to be bound by the traditional roles (r). Closedown at 3.55

4.50 Open University, 4.50 X-ray Diffraction; 5.15 ABC in Kansas

City (1). 5.40 Harold Lloyd: The Kid

Brother and Take a Chance, star-ring the athletic comedy genius of

ring the athers comedy genus of the silent cinema.\*
6.05 The Waltons: The Empty Nest (part 2). More sentimental drama in old Virginny, Y'ali come hack and see us now, yuh heals. 6.50 The World About Us: San Giorgio's Bitter Fruits. Life in an Italian village.

pop stick.

12.10 pm Pipkins: Why Can't Honor trying to win £250 (r).

12.30 The Sullivans: Australian pop music.

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4.45 Magpie: Fun and facts for children, with Jenny Hanley, Mick Robertson and Tommy Boyd.
5.15 Emmerdale Farm: As if Matt

didn't have enough to worry about,

pot as the birth of Vicky's baby becomes imminent.

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10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Mid-week Sports Special:
film highlights of one of the
League Cup semi-finals.
11.40 Thames Debute (see Personal Choice).
12.25 Close: reading by Andrew

### RADIO |

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00 Study on 4: Por aqui (13). 11.30-12.10 am Open University: The Nature of the Renaissance;

Radio 3 7.55 am (mw only) Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records : Leclair, Bach, C. P. E. Bach, Garun †

8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Balakirev, Proko-fier, Shostakovich, Borodin, † 9.00 News. 9.65 Week's Composer: Rach-maninov.†

9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call.
16.00 News.
10.05 In Britain Now.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 For Frightened People (2).
11.00 News.
11.05 Play: Hot Stuff.
11.35 Local Edition.
12.00 News.
12.20 Down You and Yours.
12.20 Down Your Way.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. 11.00 Young Composers 79.7 11.30 Songs: Berkeley, Rainier, Ravel.† 11.55 BBC Weish SO/Thomson, pt 1: Lutoslawski, Chopin (Pno Conc

10.00 The Trio-Sonara.+

1.00 pm News. 1.25 BBCWSO, pt 2: Szymanowski Sym 2).†
2.05 Baasoon, piano; Galliard,
Busser, Ibert, Senaille, Counod,
Miroshnikov, Elgar, Britten.†
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(Sym 3).;
4.25 Jazz Today.;
4.25 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from
6.20) Music for early evening.;
7.00 Songs: Wolf Morike setsings).; 8.05 in Touch. 8.30 Come to the Opera.† 9.15 From Our Own Correspontings).† 7.30 Play: All That Fall, by Samuel Beckett.† 8.50 CBSO/E. Schmid, pt 1: Bar-tok, M. B. Watkins (Etalage—1st

bdcst).†
9.25 Interval reading.
9.30 CBSO, pt 2: Beethoven (Sym 6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.15-10.30 Schoots: Voix de France;
Deutsch fur die Oberstufe; The
World of Work; Playtime.
10.45-12.00 Schoots: La France
Aujourd'hui; Let's Move!; Music
Club; Introducing Science.
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Rhymes. 10.10 Story: At Your Age, by Scott Fitzgerald. 10.50 Piano trios: Beetboven, Haydn.† 11.55-12.00 News.

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S.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Colin Berry.† 12.03 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.02 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk, 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Succer Special, 9.30 Glamorous Nights.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Variety Club. 11.02 Brian Matthew, 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

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8.00 Armchair Thriller: Dying Day, episode 1 (see Personal Choice).
8.30 Robin's Nest: Great Expectations, The bistro starts to go to got as the birth of Vicky's baby

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